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**N**O three or more men could determine twelve Federal reserve districts, under the new banking law, without offending the geographical vanities. So it was to be expected that the work of Messrs. McAdoo, Houston, and Williams would be criticised. Two are from the South and one is from the Southwest. It happens that the South and Southwest have fared very well. Richmond and Atlanta each gets a Federal reserve bank. Missouri gets two—one at St. Louis and one at Kansas City. The Gulf region gets only one, and that is to be at Dallas, Texas, though many had thought either New Orleans or Galveston a more suitable and convenient place. Cincinnati feels slighted and Cleveland is elated, and so it is bound to be.

It is stupidly unfair to say that because one of the committee came from Georgia, Atlanta got a bank; that because another was from Virginia, Richmond got a bank, or that because another came from Missouri that State got two. It is altogether too obvious a thing to say, if one is put out because one's own section was passed by, and otherwise too sordid to be believed. No arrangement could be perfect. This one may be very imperfect; but let it be criticised on that ground, and not as a "political start" for the new banking system. Men must come from somewhere. A man who is from the South would almost certainly rate the financial need of the South for a Federal reserve bank rather higher than a Northern man, but a Northern man might have underrated the needs of the South by reason of the accident of never having lived or been born there. These are questions of judgment. If they contain also some trace of bias, it remains only to be said that there is that in every act of judgment, and that where interests naturally and selfishly conflict nothing can be done save by compromise. Men who had come all from the north of that vague line which divides North and South would certainly not have favored both Atlanta and Richmond. Men from the other side of the Mississippi River would almost certainly have put one Federal reserve bank between Chicago and San Francisco, perhaps at Denver. A committee dominated by New York sentiment might honestly have believed in maintaining New York's prestige as the country's financial centre, and voted for fewer districts. For one thing, the Organization Committee has made as many districts as the law allowed, whereas Eastern bankers wished for the smallest number, which had been eight. The committee

obviously went as far as it could to "decentralize" the money power of Wall Street, and if it be criticised on that score, the answer is that that was the intent from the beginning. That was what the Federal Reserve Act was passed for.

**A**s the American millionaire on taking a country place commands trees fifty years old to appear in certain places forthwith, so that they have to be transplanted at a tremendous waste of both labor and trees, so the American people command reforms. They cannot wait for them to grow and to be pruned as they grow. They want them suddenly and full grown. They haven't the patience to evolve them any more than the millionaire has to grow trees; therefore, they impose them bodily upon themselves and others. It is a human weakness, but more noticeable here than in some other places of the world. At any time during fifty years the National Banking act might have been amended to great advantage, as the requirements of the country developed and changed; but for half a century its crudities were endured, until, suddenly, the demand for reform became irresistible, and then a new system had to be imposed. A banking system of all things ought to grow. Now, the same thing is likely to happen with rural credits. There is already enough banking machinery in the country, and much of it could be adapted to the neglected needs of the farming class; but it is proposed instead to invent a new class of banks to perform a special function. It were better to utilize existing institutions, including the mutual loan associations, which are already in that field, and which in some parts of the country, especially Ohio, have quietly solved the practice while commissions have been searching Europe for the theory. It is again the passion to legislate into existence the full-grown tree. While Congress is debating a system of land banks, the States have been very backward about enacting the simple laws that would enable farmers more easily to borrow capital on a co-operative basis. The Jewish Industrial and Agricultural Aid Society, for want of such simple enactments, was obliged to begin its co-operative credit groups as voluntary associations. They could not be incorporated. But it was very simple, even on that basis, and so soon as the borrowers became collectively responsible for each other's debts the rate of interest began to fall.

**A**LL those who have been asking why the exemption of American ships engaged in coastwise traffic from tolls through the Panama Canal is so much the concern of other countries whose ships in any event cannot engage in that traffic, and why, then, foreign shipping is in any wise discriminated against, in violation of either the letter or the spirit of our treaty with Great Britain, will find all the answers in an article by Prof. Emory R. Johnson, reprinted in this number of *The Annalist* from *The North American Review*. Now, that every one must take sides for or against Mr. Wilson's demand that the exempting clause be repealed, Prof. Johnson's article is timely and important. After reading it no one can any longer doubt that foreign shipping interests are injured by the exemption of our own coastwise ships.

**I**n the beginning it seemed a cynical thing to say that the rate case before the Interstate Commerce Commission was likely to be decided emotionally. But it apparently now is in danger of being decided hysterically.

At least great pressure is being brought to bear upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to do something for the railroads quickly, for the sake of general prosperity. Papers that have seldom favored the railroads before are beginning to denounce the Commission for taking so much time. The slump in railroad business in the last few months is treated as evidence that the railroads need more revenue, (which is only what everybody else needs,) and that the Commission should give it to them. Figures of unemployment are piled up most formidably to show what it means for the railroads to have insufficient revenues. It is fair to say that the railroads have not unanimously encouraged this hysteria. The Pennsylvania Railroad people have sought to discourage it. But another very important railroad—at least one other—has been guilty of laying it on.

Rationally, this temporary decline in railroad business has absolutely nothing to do with the question. If it were proposed to raise rates every time business fell away sharply, that would be to exempt the railroads from the vicissitudes of industry and commerce in a manner to penalize all consumption and all other forms of production. To this, those of the railroad people who wish to promote the hysteria answer, "Yes, but the producers of transportation are alone unable to control their selling price." But that answer reacts upon them. The inference is that when business slumps with other producers prices can be raised to maintain the margin of profit, which, of course, is not the case. When revenues elsewhere are falling, owing to a liquidation of goods on a receding demand, the price of railroad transportation alone remains unaltered, so that to this extent the producers of transportation are better off than the producers of anything else, in bad times. That is the compensation for having a rigid selling price. If it cannot go up, neither may it go down.

And as for the argument of unemployment, in so far as it is either seasonal or owing to the decline in the volume of railroad tonnage, it has nothing to do with the rate question. If rates were raised overnight, there would be no more tonnage to move to-morrow, and no need for additional men to handle what is now moving, and, therefore, no less unemployment than before. With a wider margin of profit, from an increase of rates, the railroads might be able to borrow capital more easily for new works of construction, and that, of course, would create employment, but that would be by no means an immediate effect. First of all, the effect of higher rates upon revenues would have to be determined. The Interstate Commerce Commission has intimated rather pointedly that it does not propose to consider a temporary and abnormal condition of general business as bearing upon the larger fundamental question of rates, and therein it is right. The railroad people are counting heavily upon the clamor for prosperity to help their case, and that is a bias that must be discounted.

**T**HE question for the Interstate Commerce Commission to determine is not whether the railroads, by reason of a slump in business, immediately need more revenues, but whether, by reason of a constant tendency of costs to swallow up profits, the margin of safety has dangerously diminished under conditions of normal business. And that is a question which ought not to be decided under pressure of an hysterical demand that something be done immediately to restore prosperity. The fact that net earnings have declined more than gross

earnings since the slump began does not necessarily prove the railroads' case. It is a fact well known to students of railroad operation that transportation costs cannot be hourly readjusted to a diminishing volume of business, and, therefore, that a falling tide of gross earnings will almost invariably affect the ratio of net earnings unfavorably. The other side of it is that after transportation costs have been reduced to a minimum and the tide of business begins to rise again, gross earnings will increase for some time faster than expenses, to the advantage of net earnings. These are temporary effects. It will be noticed by all who are not hysterical that notwithstanding the fall in both gross and net earnings expenditures for maintenance, which are included in operating expenses, continue to rise. That is very remarkable. It is not usual for the railroads to increase their maintenance expenditures when business is falling away. It is the one form of expenditure that fattens a property. When maintenance outlay is excessive, it is like putting so much money in the bank. Generally, when prosperous, the railroads increase their appropriations from earnings for maintenance, and reduce them when business is not so good. In the 1908 slump Harriman maintained his showing of net earnings by cutting maintenance very low. He called it "borrowing money from the property." It was cheaper than to borrow it from the bank, and when business improved he would pay it back. He did, but it was not a very cheap form of borrowing in the end. Obviously the principal Eastern railroads are still maintaining their properties out of earnings, and have not begun to borrow from them.

SEEING how profitably the imaginative faculty has been employed in almost every other field of salesmanship, it is surprising that Wall Street should go on selling bonds in the old-fashioned way. To the arithmetic of earnings, the stiffly phrased assurance that the issue is legal, remarks on its status with taxes and the recommendation of the underwriting bankers that they be bought for investment, to yield a certain percentage of income, nothing has been added in fifty years save the industry of the young men who are sent out to solicit the buyer in person. A bond is something you cannot try. It has no quality inherent in itself. It is the evidence of money loaned to a work which the lender never sees, and would not know if he should pass it on a train. How effective it might be to visualize to him the property itself! The objection to any unconventional effort in this direction is that the investor distrusts it. Why? Because vendors of bad securities have reached him in that way where the vendors of good securities have never tried. In the objection lies the proof. It would be overcome very quickly if the sellers of good securities were but to adopt the effective selling methods of their irresponsible competitors, for the vendor of bad securities, even if he be a swindler, is directly the competitor of every banker and institution engaged in the work of merchandising investments. A light is showing through. A Portland power company, with bonds to sell, is going to visualize its property to the foreign bankers and their clients by means of moving pictures. A man may not know anything technical about hydro-electric engineering, and yet, after he has seen attested moving pictures of the property itself he must have thereafter a feeling toward its bonds which he could not have toward mere bits of paper whose underlying tangibilities were unvisualized.

## A Friendly Hint to the Railroads

**That They Get Together, As the Banks Have Done, in a System of Strict Self-Supervision That Will Show Up Any Bad Spots in Financing and Management and Establish the Good Roads in Public Esteem**

By CLINTON B. EVANS,  
Editor of *The Chicago Economist*

THE need of an organization among the railroads of the United States for the protection of their own interests has been emphasized in the past few months by numberless events, among which may be mentioned the collapse of New York, New Haven & Hartford, St. Louis & San Francisco, and Rock Island, back of which are the attitude of the Government and the people toward the roads and misdeeds on the part of prominent railroad men. A suggestion as to the character and form of this organization was made in *The Chicago Economist* of Dec. 20, 1913, in an editorial entitled "Your Neighbors," which has been followed by several articles on a similar line. The plan calls for a bureau under the management of a number of railroad men of known ability and integrity, say fifteen, which would assume the functions of examiner, critic, censor, even detective, if you please. The purpose of this organization would be to protect the entire railroad interest of the United States against adventurers and against wrong or unwise acts on the part of officials, boards of directors, or individuals acting for their own profit independently of the common weal. Such a bureau would be expected to know in the main the condition of every railroad property in the United States, to discern bad tendencies and to prevent the consummation of transactions which would be hurtful to the properties with which they were concerned, and damaging to the reputation of the railroad companies. The method of operation would be the same as that of any supervising body—to examine, to draw conclusions, to admonish where admonition is necessary, to denounce in the case of a wrong act, and to establish a discipline that no man in his senses would dare to be guilty of malfeasance.

The railroads of the United States have combined or co-operated, first and last, for almost every purpose except the most important one, that is the protection of their credit. They have been zealous enough in their fight for fair rates, in their depreciation of improper interference with their affairs, and in their resistance to the prejudice of the people and the carping of politicians, but they have not conserved their good name, and the consequence is that this great interest is now probably the most unpopular of all our great commercial units. The consequences have been most unfortunate and it is altogether probable that the railroad interest will be in worse plight a year hence than it is at the present moment. It is necessary that action shall be taken speedily. It is entirely conceivable that an expenditure of, we will say, a few hundred thousand dollars a year would in a short time save hundreds of millions of dollars, not to mention the effects on related interests.

To protect themselves against external enemies they must eliminate internal enemies. It is believed that a great majority of the leading railroad men of the country are actuated by honest purposes and com-

pare favorably with a similar number of men in other lines of effort. But there have been many adventurers, who have largely given character to the industry and have created in the public mind the impression that all railroad men are rascally in one degree and another. The people have given expression to their opinion of the railroad fraternity by the establishment of a body whose duty it is to watch over the roads and in an important sense dictate their operations. The people also have expressed themselves by the election to Congress and to the Presidency of men known to be in one degree and another at least critical of the railroads. Thus antagonism has been organized into Governmental control, and the enactment of laws under which it is extremely difficult for the honest railroad man to operate his property successfully. If the railroad companies had had an organization among themselves to prevent evil tendencies and evil acts years ago, this situation would have been forestalled. The roads would have regulated themselves and made themselves reputable, just as any normally good man does.

Responses to this suggestion have been numerous, but the great railroad men of the country have, in their own opinion, enough to do in these trying times to fight immediate dangers without entering upon any new undertakings. Under date of Jan. 20, 1914, Mr. E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, wrote a communication in which he set forth the difficulties of forming and operating such a bureau. Naturally, he stated that men of his type did not care to play the detective on their neighbors. Also he deprecated a statement that had been made in a recent article that well informed railroad men know in advance the fate of properties managed as were the St. Louis & San Francisco and the New York, New Haven & Hartford. It may be said, however, that if the railroad men themselves did not know what was going to happen to these concerns, many other people did. Also it may be said that persons outside of the railroad interest appreciated the wickedness of tying up the voting power of the Rock Island System in \$54,000,000 of preferred stock of extremely doubtful value. There is no reason why a supervisory board over the whole railroad system should not be at least as well informed and as useful as other supervisory boards. In Chicago, and in many other cities of the United States, the banks have an organization through which the condition of every clearing-house bank and every bank clearing through a clearing-house member is subject to constant scrutiny. It would be impracticable to have quite so minute a knowledge of the affairs of the railroads, but enough could be known to prevent many wrong performances such as we have seen these many years. It is not fair to look upon this plan as a mere spy system. If it were a spy system, then every board of directors of a corporation is a body of spies, every auditor is a spy, every clergyman who is supervising the morality of the community he serves is a spy.

The position of the railroads of the United States is one almost of desperation. Speedy action is necessary, and the first thing to do is to establish a high morale in the profession, to protect the reputation of its members, and to demonstrate to the country that it does not need so much control by Government authorities as is now because it can govern itself.

## The Uncomfortable Ulster Precedent

**Labor in England Serves Notice That It Will Defy the Government to Use Troops Against It in a Coming Struggle Between the Railway Unions and the Companies**

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

London, March 27.

A acute political crisis, still with us, has occupied the whole attention of the business world this week. This is no place to discuss the merits of the controversy, but I may indicate the manner in which it affects the labor world, and through that the financial. The meaning of what is taking place, for the working classes, was clearly brought out in a speech of Thomas, the leader of the railway men, in the House of Commons last night.

Reading between the lines, we see that he takes advantage of recent events to threaten the Conservative capitalists, thus:

"You have encouraged the officers of the army to take a side in a political controversy. You have laid down the principle that the army is entitled to refuse an order to coerce its fellow-countrymen. Very well, we labor men, whilst recognizing a danger, will accept the principle. We have first given formal notice that 400,000 railway men will come out on Nov. 1; that is to enforce our general union programme. What is to happen in the light of your new doctrine?"

"I say with all the solemnity of my nature that if the new doctrine (as to the position of the army) stands, my duty between now and Nov. 1 is to go to the railwaymen, tell them that I believe that the railway companies are going to resist their demands, and that in order to prepare for the worst they must organize their forces, and that the half million capital in the union should be used to provide arms and ammunition for them."

An army led by partisan officers, the argument is, cannot be trusted not to intervene to coerce the labor movements, and to put down strikes. The unions then will arm themselves against the army, as Ulster has done, and then defy the Government to make a use of the troops against labor, which, according to the new principle, it was not entitled to make against the Orangemen.

Organized labor, in short, will be the first to take advantage of the new doctrine of political action by armed resistance. Intervention by the army in politics makes it impossible for it to do otherwise." These words come from one of the most temperate and anti-revolutionary of the recognized parliamentary labor leaders. They are a measure of the gravity of the crisis in which we are involved.

It is no mere affair of party politics; it affects the very foundations of social order. We have now a state of affairs which threatens infinite disturbance to industry and commerce. The reign of law is threatened, and unless in the course of the next few weeks events take a course which will show that the nation is determined to tolerate neither armed rebellion nor mutiny, there is before us a period in which every labor agitation will be inflamed with the qualities of a revolution, and every measure taken for the protection of capital and property will be accompanied by the circumstances of military reaction.

I do not exaggerate the apprehensions

felt by men of prudent mind, who are not inclined toward one political party or the other. The sword of lawlessness has been drawn, and the forces of socialism and syndicalism are only too ready and eager to seize it.

For the last few days the effect of political events on the stock markets has been a steady rise in prices in the consol market and elsewhere. Bears have been hastening to close their "short accounts." That may seem paradoxical; but the explanation is that the Stock Exchange, which loathes the present Government, hopes and believes that the result of the intervention of the officers of the army in the home rule dispute will be the downfall of the administration.

So in the space of twenty-four hours the country has been confronted with a situation of the most grave anxiety. He will miss the meaning of current events in market and exchange who fails to realize that we are in the throes of an internal convulsion of more moment to the nation than any by which it has been confronted since the great Reform bill, three-quarters of a century ago. With a battle to be fought out between law and lawlessness, with organized labor ready to seize the spoils of victory if law is wounded or overthrown, the property owning classes are little likely for the present to enjoy the peace of mind which is needed for initiative in production and investment.

## Beef a-Plenty

**The Chamber of Commerce of the United States Says That It Will Cost More Than Formerly, But That the Shortage Is Temporary**

THE committee of cheerful men of business that investigated the problem of beef supply for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States does not think that there is much to worry over, in the long run, about the future. Beef may permanently cost more than it did years ago, but not out of proportion to general prices. But there ought to be enough to go around, particularly as, in the opinion of the committee, Americans eat a little less meat than they formerly did.

Says a report by the committee:

Such statistics as are available indicate clearly a decline per capita in consumption of meat as food. Nor is this altogether due to high price. In fact, the eating habits of the people have altered materially within the past score of years. We have grown much more omnivorous and cosmopolitan in our tastes, and both common sense and experience have taught the hygienic value of a varied diet.

The decline of meat eating, per capita, does not appear in the statistics of urban beef deliveries, excepting for the very latest year or two. But it is true enough, as the committee says, that people are eating so many other things than meat that it would look as if there was a decline:

Vegetarianism has undoubtedly made headway. Food faddists are as numerous as the sands of the sea, and they all have following. It is a matter both of figures and of common observation that we are much larger consumers of fruits, vegetables, and nuts than formerly. The American breakfast is no longer a matter of beefsteaks, but rather a light repast of fruit, cereals, and bacon and eggs. Meanwhile the

heavy midday dinner has largely given place to a light luncheon. In proportion to the growth of our population, we shall no longer need the same proportionate supply of meat as in the days of yore.

The committee believes that food supplies rise and decline in cycles. We are now about at the lowest point in a cycle of cattle shortage, caused by the putting into paying cultivation of the old cattle ranges. But very shortly the rise of production on ordinary farms, as a part of efficient agriculture, will begin to be manifest:

While hog and chicken supplies in the future will probably multiply rapidly, yet the creation of new cattle is a thing of slow growth. It will probably be from five to ten years, under favorable conditions, before we again reach a satisfactory normal in the numbers of cattle. Still, there is every reason to believe that we are near the bottom of the hill. In spite of that, the price of beef may not revert to the low figures of the past, owing to the increased cost of raising cattle on the farm as compared with the ranch. Also because such reduction is not likely to be true any more of beef than of any other staple commodity, since in general the solution of the cost of high living seems to be not alone in reduction in the price of things, but equally an increase in the general purchasing power of the consumer.

It is now a period of readjustment. When the new order of beef supply is perfected people will have plenty of beef, at fair prices:

The story of human experience is that readjustments of this nature are apt to be upward in their character as well as downward.

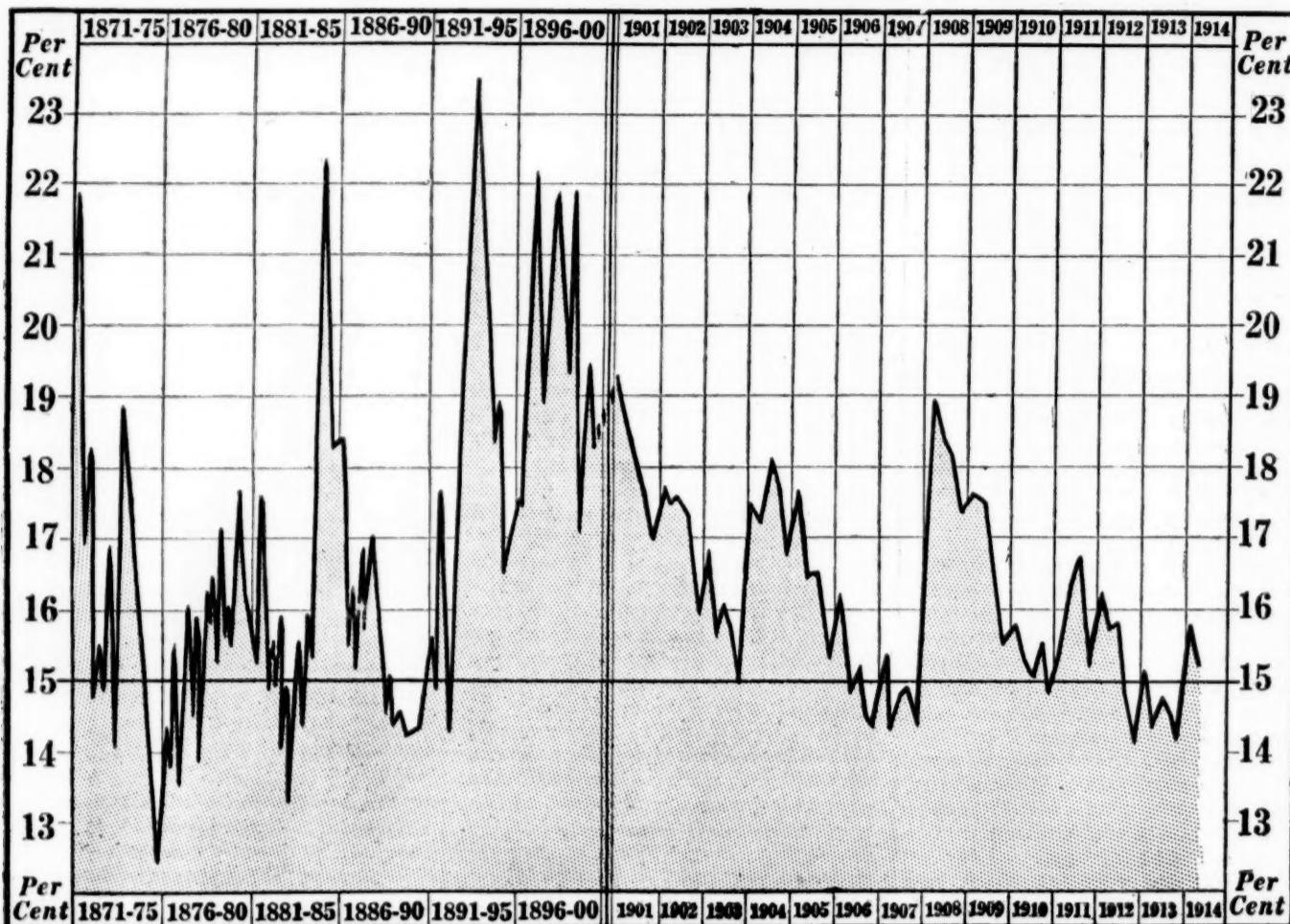
An impartial and careful survey of the field, therefore, fails to disclose any genuine cause for alarm, but rather that excessively high prices and declining supplies are but temporary and passing phases of an economic problem, of whose satisfactory solution there can be no reasonable doubt.

One source of large, new supply is the South, where the ravages of the boll weevil have brought a new industry—cattle raising:

The promise of the greatest new source of supply in the future comes from the Southern States. Curiously enough, this seems largely due to the story of two insignificant but malignant insects, the Texas fever tick and the cotton boll weevil. The invasion in 1892 of the cotton fields of the South by the boll weevil from Mexico seemed at first a calamity of the most disastrous and far-reaching import. It is now clearly seen, however, to be that needed impulse of dire necessity which alone could bring about the evolution of the South from the provincialism of a one-crop country to that diversification of production which marks every progressive agricultural people. The farmers of the South were forced by the stress of misfortune to raise food for the sustenance of themselves and their live stock, because of their greatly reduced revenues from cotton. This erstwhile measure of necessity is fast crystallizing into a habit, until to-day the Southern States raise nearly one-third of the total corn production, as well as growing more alfalfa year by year. Now that sufficient food for live stock is being provided, there remains but one more obstacle to prevent the South from becoming the ideal cattle section of the country, because of an equable climate, the possibility of grazing all the year around, and freedom alike from devastating blizzards and destructive droughts.

That obstacle is the Texas fever tick, which for generations made cattle raising in the South impossible in any large way as a profitable pursuit. In 1906 the Federal Government and the various State authorities joined hands in a systematic campaign for the eradication of this pest by means of strictly enforced quarantine.

## A National Bank Showing That Requires Qualification



THE response of the national banks of the United States to the Controller's call of March 4 shows the normal drop in reserves that occurs in this season of the year. It is difficult to get a satisfactory barometric significance out of the great total for the whole country in advance of a close study of the more detailed figures for the classes of banks and different localities.

The reserve position is better than it was a year ago, and there is a larger aggregate of credit which the banks have extended. The showing, compared with the call of Jan. 13, would be better but for the calling in by the Government of \$18,206,030 of the Government money that was in the vaults of the banks on that date as a result of Mr. McAdoo's special deposits. But there was \$18,722,931 more Government money than there had been on April 4, 1913. Thus the gain over the reserve proportions of 1913 and the loss from mid-January must both be qualified a little.

The seasonal drop in bank reserves in March has been attributed to the preparations for dividend and interest payments due on April 1; also to a large aggregate of trade settlements made in March requiring the transfer of funds across the country. As a single instance, New York is yearly drawn upon at that time for the purpose of making heavy payments to the New England textile and shoe industries just when it is getting ready for a large amount of purely financial transfers of funds.

Increases in loans and deposits over the country may be accounted for by the necessity of obtaining bank credit and using it to make payments occurring at this season. It is hardly an indication that business was picking up.

In the chart above the steady downward trend of the reserve percentage of cash to loans has an ominous look, despite the gain from last year. There is a suggestion of a temporary improvement such as occurred

in 1911, the credit conditions of 1913 having been a close parallel to those of 1910.

The curve above is that of the percentage of cash (specie and legals in vault only) to loans, discounts and overdrafts. Ordinarily, the credit position is calculated without reference to overdrafts at all, as the amount is an insignificant one. But the percentage

figure is affected so slightly that the line may be used in comparison with the generally accepted figure.

The following table shows the condition of the national banks of the country on March 4 last, as reported to the Controller of the Currency, showing changes from the previous call and from last year:

	RESOURCES.	March 4, 1914.	Jan. 13, 1914.	April 4, 1913.
Loans and discounts.....	\$6,357,535,898	+\$182,130,937	+\$179,439,519	
Overdrafts .....	21,335,628	-502,771	+1,258,472	
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	733,564,382	-3,036,528	+3,140,352	
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits.....	50,285,082	-57,898	+2,686,612	
Other bonds to secure deposits.....	59,332,288	-8,545,842	+21,807,908	
U. S. bonds on hand.....	5,476,718	+363,808	-2,422,152	
Premium on U. S. bonds.....	4,859,610	-212,071	-2,155,227	
Bonds, securities, &c.....	1,027,326,660	+6,831,949	-24,185,107	
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	257,520,014	-1,524,106	+8,949,770	
Other real estate owned.....	33,981,161	+1,855,907	+2,046,939	
Due from national banks (not reserve agents).....	513,728,136	+31,691,699	+61,970,020	
Due from State banks and bankers, etc.....	230,776,241	-20,337,577	+36,464,903	
Due from approved reserve agents.....	881,702,559	+78,915,715	+73,238,055	
Checks and other cash items.....	40,184,406	+2,940,138	+7,503,681	
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	282,343,800	+19,048,002	+32,449,809	
Notes of other national banks.....	48,177,045	-3,620,134	+425,512	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, &c.....	3,964,617	+4,780	+69,405	
Total specie .....	792,694,095	+12,203,886	+79,787,696	
Legal tender notes.....	175,373,021	-26,056,190	-4,315	
5% redemption fund with Treasurer.....	35,402,097	+90,508	+442,087	
Due from U. S. Treasurer.....	8,933,843	-5,530,255	-460,965	
Total .....	\$11,564,497,260	+\$268,142,122	+\$482,522,927	
	LIABILITIES.			
Capital stock paid in.....	\$1,056,482,120	-\$1,193,934	+\$4,216,539	
Surplus fund .....	731,273,096	-1,169,663	+11,599,284	
Undivided profits .....	272,703,834	+13,038,997	+17,316,104	
National bank notes outstanding.....	720,640,334	-4,685,827	+1,663,650	
Due other national banks.....	1,201,467,775	+140,206,784	+123,302,565	
Due State and private banks.....	607,331,628	+46,324,913	+44,769,833	
Due to trust companies and savings banks.....	619,704,372	+75,100,256	+108,875,974	
Due to approved reserve agents.....	43,937,637	+306,867	+3,147,503	
Dividends unpaid .....	1,337,166	-2,926,963	-1,470,965	
Individual deposits .....	6,111,328,457	+39,263,705	+142,541,412	
U. S. deposits .....	58,609,788	-18,206,030	+18,722,931	
Postal savings deposits.....	23,568,198	+1,325,109	+5,880,555	
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers.....	7,773,084	+290,696	+1,457,065	
Bonds borrowed .....	47,123,180	+449,313	+4,939,636	
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	8,772,534	-2,928,941	+453,456	
Bills payable .....	45,372,735	-15,532,455	-2,840,724	
Reserve for taxes.....	4,701,635	-1,454,270	-1,022,658	
Liabilities other than above stated.....	*2,370,180	-66,433	-1,029,233	
Total .....	\$11,564,497,260	+\$268,142,122	+\$482,522,927	

\*Includes \$27,698 State bank circulation.

## A Ricketty Practice In Finance

**The Habit That the Railroads Are Indulging, of Borrowing for Present Needs On Short-Time Obligations and Taking Chances That the Money Markets of the Future Will Again Lend at Easy Rates.**

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SHORT-TERM notes may be issued by railroads for widely different purposes. In the old days they were used to anticipate assured income after the practice of municipal treasuries in order to tide over the time until taxes came in. Financial distress, temporary or permanent, is also often characterized by the emission of short-time loans. Such borrowing has accompanied practically every panic since the civil war, with the exception of 1884. But the practice of financing on a large scale by means of short-term notes in normal times has in recent years assumed menacingly large proportions. The most conservative companies now make use of such loans almost as commonly as the weaker ones which are staving off impending bankruptcy by such expedients.

A large floating debt is usually a dangerous signal. The Jay Cooke notes put forth by the Northern Pacific just before the panic of 1873 were repeated in kind almost exactly twenty years later. The Union Pacific, the Atchison, and the Northern Pacific alike paved the way for their final collapse in 1891-94 by running up large floating debts. Our recent panics of 1903 and 1907 have, to be sure, been likewise characterized by resort to note issues on a large scale; but the purposes in view have been quite different. They represent forced borrowing in either case; for naturally no railroad would pay high interest rates for short loans if it were possible to finance its needs on a long-time basis. It is the nature of these recent needs which is significant. They are now associated with true development work rather than impending bankruptcy. No longer negatively remedial in character, they have become positive and constructive. In point of fact, note issues have been utilized of late for almost every conceivable purpose for which long-time bonds used formerly to be emitted. They may serve to finance consolidations; to procure funds in connection with financial reorganizations, as on the International & Great Northern; and to effect segregation, as by the Maine Central if, as proposed, it buys itself back from the Boston & Maine next month. And just here, by the way, is a nice point concerning the security of such notes. The Boston & Maine has a large volume of already extended notes falling due in June. And yet the savings banks and other note holders are supinely permitting it to dispose of its principal quick asset through this operation.

The particular cause for the first appearance of note issues in recent years was the imperative need of providing facilities for handling an enormous growth of traffic. The freight blockade of 1899 was mainly due to insufficiency of equipment to handle the business offered. The trouble in 1903 under similar traffic pressure was inadequacy of terminals. Many large companies, notably the Pennsylvania, had in consequence committed themselves to large projects of terminal development. These com-

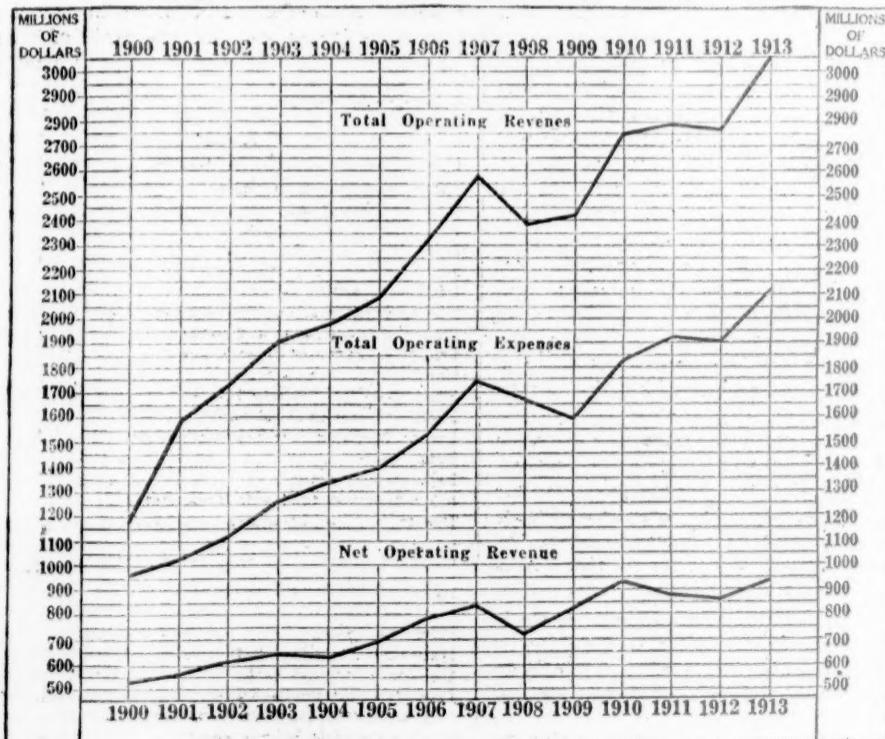
monly proved more costly than was anticipated; and, moreover, the panic of 1903 caught them unawares midway in construction. The work could not be interrupted, even temporarily, without heavy loss upon all investments already made. It was imperative to go on at all cost. Bonds could not be floated at any price. Notes were a last resource. It should be added, however, that other causes also contributed to the financial pressure. While the Pennsylvania was making extensive improvements at New York, it was also, in conjunction with the New York Central, engaged in wholesale purchase of the stocks of the anthracite and other secondary trunk lines, in order to steady both the hard coal and the general rate situation. In other words, progress toward combination was already under full headway.

The growth of borrowing on short-time notes in recent years is highly significant. It was estimated that approximately \$136,000,000 of such securities were issued in 1903-04 in connection with the "rich men's panic." With the next financial reaction, three years later, such loans aggregated about \$300,000,000, most of them made within the first five months of 1907. Ordinary bonds during this time amounted to less than two-thirds of this sum. The Pennsylvania Railroad alone thus borrowed \$60,000,000. A brief respite then ensued; but in 1912 approximately \$500,000,000 in corporation short-time notes of all kinds were outstanding, over half of these representing specific public issues by railroads. The larger part of these obligations, estimated at \$567,000,000, fall due during 1914, one trunk line alone having to meet maturing obligations of upward of \$10,000,000. A rough indication of the growth of such bor-

rowing is afforded by the official Federal statistics. Within six years, plain bonds, debentures and notes doubled in amount, reaching a total of \$1,067,000,000 in 1912. The immediate outlook for abatement of this stop-gap financing by means of long-time bonds is favorable, depending upon a resumption of general trade activity. The course of events depends, moreover, upon the general movements of rates for money. In 1903-04 the short-term notes yielded about 4.5 to 5 per cent. Three years later the rate of interest ranged between 5 and 6 per cent., some roads like the Erie being forced to pay as high as 8 for accommodation. A more normal use of credit resources through the issue of long-time bonds, even at relatively high rates, becomes well-nigh imperative under such circumstances. Continued temporizing with the money market by companies with sufficient credit to be able to issue bonds at all would seem to be unwise.

Exhaustion of the regular supply of loanable capital, not so much for the purpose of financing stock market operations incident to the spread of consolidation as because of even more general causes, has been responsible for the continuation of the second wave of note issues which dates in the main from the panic of 1907. The perfection of credit machinery, coupled with the flow of funds to New York as a borrowing centre, had during the preceding period demonstrated the ease with which temporary supplies of capital could be had on short notice. In other words, the growth of the borrowing habit was encouraged by the ease of indulging in it. But in addition it is indubitable that many temporary loans in recent years have been made by strong companies in order to protect the market prices of some of their older bond issues. Most standard roads had many outstanding bonds of unquestioned security issued at much lower rates of interest than have of late

### Compensation in Railway Expenses



THIS chart is intended to make plain the fact that because the expenses of operation upon the railways have not come down as rapidly as the gross receipts in times of falling business, as in January, the loss to the owners of the properties is not necessarily permanent.

When traffic is growing, working organiza-

tions are crowded beyond the ordinary. Gross receipts rise faster than expenses. When traffic falls, on the other hand, the organizations cannot be cut down in immediate proportions. Expenses do not fall quite so rapidly as receipts. The two tardy tendencies should very nearly compensate each other.

prevailed. The managements naturally felt great disinclination toward entering new securities of the same class at higher rates into competition with the older bonds. The effect could not be other than to depreciate their market price. They preferred to resort to temporary financing even at considerable expense, hoping for a change of wind. And then, moreover, they hesitated to commit themselves to long-time issues at the prevailing high interest rates, hoping continually, by coqueting with the money market for a time, for a decline in the current rates for funds.

These short-time notes may be secured by the deposit of collateral, or as in the case of the Pennsylvania, they may rest solely upon the credit and reputation of the company. Under such circumstances they would rank as an investment intermediate between income bonds and preferred shares as a lien upon current earnings. It goes without saying, also, that the value of the notes depends largely upon the purpose for which the money is borrowed. If the funds are to be spent upon improvements to produce increased revenue, the situation is quite different from that of putting forth notes merely to refund maturing issues, the proceeds of which have been long since spent, possibly for more or less dubious purposes. Such was the pitiable situation in 1913-14 when almost \$100,000,000 of short-term notes of the shattered New Haven System called for renewal.

As for the outcome of these large note issues, it is unfortunate, perhaps, that in the beginning it was successful. In other words, the notes were mainly paid off without inconvenience from the proceeds of regular bond issues after the lapse of from one to three years. Even some of the issues of 1907 were actually bought up by the companies themselves in advance of maturity. Surplus funds drawing 2 per cent. interest could profitably be devoted to this purpose. The fact, however, that in most cases these first notes happened to fall due at times when the needs of the companies could be permanently cared for, does not detract from the possible danger lurking in their use. As events soon demonstrated, notes chancing to mature at an inconvenient time, the situation easily became desperate, and this, too, quite apart from the excessive cost of such hand-to-mouth finance in any event. The first road to learn this lesson was the Erie, which was barely saved from default and another bankruptcy by the intervention, at the last moment, of E. H. Harriman, when its notes fell due in 1908. Within a few years the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Frisco went into bankruptcy, not, perhaps, because of, but certainly on the occasion of the maturity of short-time notes. The latter, for example, thus borrowed \$6,000,000 in 1911, \$9,000,000 in 1912, and \$10,000,000 in 1913. But the clearest demonstration of the danger of excessive resort to note issues occurred in connection with the collapse of the New England roads in 1913-14. Both the New Haven and the Boston & Maine had come to make use of these once temporary expedients for routine purposes of finance. As for the Boston & Maine, its short-term notes maturing in 1914 aggregate \$27,000,000, the larger part issued on a 7½ per cent. basis. Of this total, not less than \$20,000,000 of notes covered the purchase of stocks in subsidiary companies. The resulting interest charges were in many cases much greater than the income from the new investment. The least defensible transaction was the issue of short-term notes in order to take up a proportion of new stock of the Maine Central in excess of the number required for continued control.

Over and above the necessary quota of new stock issues of this subsidiary, 33,300 shares actually cost the parent company in short-term notes about 110. This was apparently done in order to make a market on which the outside public purchased the remaining 42,000 shares for par.

Aside from the above-mentioned danger, financing through the issue of short-term notes is necessarily most expensive. The issues, of course, always have to be underwritten; and the attendant bankers' commissions, especially in cases where the issues are renewed time after time, reach a formidable total. And, in addition, the cost is greatly increased whenever such notes are issued at a discount, because, of course, this discount has to be taken up on the early maturity of the notes. Of course, the policy of temporizing with the money market, even at such expense, may be either far-sighted or shortsighted according to whether the prevailing financial conditions are temporary or permanent. But the repetition of bankers' commissions at short intervals usually makes such financing cost more than if, as the President of the Pennsylvania puts it, "you take your medicine at the start."

From a yet wider point of view the seriousness of the recent tendency to resort to short-term financing is that it accentuates the condition of affairs which it seeks to remedy. By withdrawing from trade the floating supply of capital, extensive note issues by railroads compel merchants to draw upon the available long-time investment funds of the community for the daily needs of business. In other words extensive note issues discourage, if they do not preclude, ordinary borrowing by means of long-time bonds. The appeal is usually to the large sources of ready capital. Until the reform of the New York life insurance companies, they invested heavily in such notes. Short-time notes are commonly in large denominations for the convenience of such lenders. The notes used more commonly to be secured by deposit of collateral, ordinarily free holdings of stocks or bonds of subsidiary companies. But many in recent years are issued upon the mere credit of the company, being otherwise unsecured. Many are thus rendered semi-speculative in character. This naturally leads to wide fluctuations in value. It is sometimes difficult to separate such liabilities from the ordinary funded debt. They should always, of course, be regarded as current liabilities, of the nature of floating debt. But in 1910, leading companies like the Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio, failed to so designate them. This is a most deceptive practice. On the whole, viewing the developments of the last decade, one is almost tempted to hope that a few more sharp lessons may serve to remind railway financiers of the risks incident to the growth of this short-note habit.

#### England's Meat Supply

The Reports on Agricultural Statistics for 1912 issued by the Board of Agriculture deal with the meat supply of the United Kingdom in recent years, a question of serious interest.

The most significant feature disclosed by the reports is the fact that the meat supplies have not in recent years kept pace with the growth of population. This will be apparent from the following table giving statistics of home production and imports of meat for each of the past twelve years:

Year Ending	Total Quantities (000's omitted)			Per Head of Population		
	Im- port Home. Cwts.	Im- port Cwts.	Total Home. Cwts.	Im- port Lbs.	Home. port. Lbs.	Im- port Lbs.
June 4.	29,330	20,936	50,266	33.3	41.7	79.5
1900-1	29,847	20,488	50,336	50.3	40.7	80.2
1901-2	29,856	18,745	48,601	61.4	38.6	79.5
1902-3	29,306	20,595	49,901	58.8	41.2	77.6
1903-4	29,849	20,789	50,638	58.9	41.1	78.2
1904-5	29,252	21,843	51,005	57.3	42.7	75.9
1905-6	29,424	21,365	50,789	57.9	42.7	75.7
1906-7	30,033	21,537	51,570	58.2	41.8	76.6
1907-8	30,667	20,841	51,508	59.5	40.5	77.8
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## Pere Marquette

*The State of Michigan Is Going to Make a Useful Property of It with Little Regard for the Interests of Capital Invested in It, and Some Startling Precedents May Be Set*

THE State of Michigan appears to be on the point of testing out the legality and the practicability of the extremest kind of State control of a public utility. The Pere Marquette Railroad, in receivers' hands, has been forced into immediate reorganization through foreclosure proceedings by the refusal of a United States court to permit payment of interest upon its bonds. Under Michigan law the State Railway Commission has arbitrary authority to decide what the actual value of a railroad is, in reorganization, and to supervise the re-establishment of its capitalization.

The Pere Marquette's history over several years has been such as to suggest very strongly that the Commission will deal somewhat drastically in this coming reorganization, so as to rid the property of what the Commission thinks is a useless burden of "water." The railroad serves a comparatively sparse section, and has had a difficult time making any kind of a profit from transportation. The Commission has thought that it was handicapped to the point of impossibility of good service by overhead charges representing payments to capital. It would have the capital as small as possible, of course. The practical effect of the action just taken is this: That the State is going to compel the owners of the road to operate it at whatever loss. And it is believed that for the first time in the history of finance even a road's equipment, purchased by it on the installment plan and held on chattel mortgage, may also be commandeered by the State, as property affected by the public use, and continued in service despite possible loss to the owners.

Pere Marquette has had a hard time. It has had two receiverships. Michigan's population is only 311 per mile of its railroad lines; New York's, for instance, is 1,081. Nevertheless, Michigan has a two-cent passenger rate law. A year after this became effective the Pere Marquette reported that traffic had not been stimulated by the reduced fares and revenue had fallen off. A committee of the Michigan Legislature, reporting a year ago, said:

Under the present laws the State, in substance, limits the income of the railroad by regulation of its passenger and freight rates. The outlay of the railroad is also in great degree determined by circumstances not under the control of the railroad. It has little to say as to the amount of wages it has to pay, which is the largest element in its expense. The State tells it that it must expend large sums in modern service requirements and safety appliances. It will thus be seen that the State, in large measure, says both how much it shall earn and how much it shall spend.

As to the branch lines (aggregating 756.45 miles, or 32.46 per cent. of the total mileage of the system) the testimony shows that many of them are operated at an actual loss and are a heavy drain on the company's income from other lines. \* \* \* While, as indicated, these branch lines do not result in profit to the company, yet it is imperative for the good of the State that their operation should be continued, and we believe that some legislation should be provided permitting the Pere Marquette to charge enough on such lines to pay what the service costs.

However, the Michigan State Railway Commission has been extremely rigorous with Pere Marquette. The present receiver-

ship was forced by the refusal of the Commission to permit the railroad to borrow money on short-term notes against the deposit of bonds as collateral on such terms as to create a much larger liability than the loan represented. Friends of the railroad say that the peculiar conditions forced it into ruinous financing. The partisans of the Commission say that such financing is only putting off the day of disaster, with the public service suffering in the meantime. The attitude of the public authorities, including Federal courts and State Commission, toward the public question involved in the operation and future financing is shown in the following special dispatch to THE ANNALIST from a correspondent in Detroit:

Judge Tuttle admitted that his order for the default of interest on Pere Marquette securities was for the purpose of forcing a foreclosure and reorganization on the basis of actual value of the road. Under Michigan law, when the reorganization takes place the State Railroad Commission will have arbitrary authority to decide what is the actual value of the road, and to supervise the reorganization. The attitude of the Commission has been hostile to Eastern interests for several years, and it is a foregone conclusion that the acts of the purchasers of the property will be rigidly scanned by the Commission.

It is believed that the foreclosure proceedings will occupy a period of two or three years. The winding up and sale of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton required two years. Judge Tuttle gave as his reason for forcing foreclosure proceedings that it was the policy of the United States court not to continue any receivership longer than was absolutely necessary. He holds that the court has neither the technical knowledge of railroading nor the time to devote to business affairs to make a receivership profitable. This reason is particularly apt in the case of a property so deeply involved as the Pere Marquette. He does not think the road will be disintegrated, as it ought to show profitable earnings if relieved of the fifty-six millions of "water."

Strong pressure has been brought to bear upon Judge Tuttle since his order of March 1 to induce him to withdraw it and permit the issuance of enough more receivers' certificates to pay the interest and keep the system intact under receivership. But the court firmly refused, believing that the condition of the road is hopeless, and the sooner it is closed out the better. The receivers also have tried to prevent a crisis by urging the securities holders to withhold action pending further efforts for a more amicable order by the court. Judge Tuttle to-day made it very plain that it was his intention to force the road to a sale as soon as possible.

The matter of the possibility of the authorities seizing the equipment upon the road as a part of the property necessary to give service to the public is an important one. Equipment bonds and trusts have been regarded as absolutely safe from seizure among the assets of an insolvent railroad. The cars, &c., they represent are the property of a trustee, under the mortgage agreements, till they are fully paid for. But they are necessary to the running of a railroad. In such a case as this presented by Pere Marquette, will the court order that the cars continue in use despite default on interest and installment payments, because of the sovereignty of the public?

#### Oklahoma Land Suits

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 2.—Litigation involving property valued at \$20,000,000 has been instituted by Oklahoma against the Prairie Oil & Gas Company and the Choctaw Lumber Company, under the escheat provisions of the Oklahoma constitution.

The suits have perturbed lumber companies in Southeastern Oklahoma where the large pines are situated. The country is thinly settled, and the opportunity to acquire at small cost large acreages of land that is constantly growing in market value has been frequent. One company has been at work several years developing an orchard that ultimately was to embrace 50,000 acres.

## The Cotton Futures Bill

### Why the Rank and File of the Members of the New York Cotton Exchange Have Come to Favor Such Legislation and What It Means to the Trade.

By C. T. REVERE

If any such piece of legislation as the so-called Smith bill for regulating trading in cotton futures had been passed five or six years ago, the whole cotton trade would have arisen and denounced it as a piece of unwarranted Congressional meddling. This would be putting the denunciation mildly, for trading in cotton has developed and become so hedged about with customs and traditions that statutory regulation was hardly to be considered.

Last week, however, when the members of the Exchange read the amended bill as passed by the Senate, its provisions met with general commendation. True there were some protests, and they came from influential sources, but the rank and file of the members of the Exchange believe that these protests arose from the fact that some interests feared that certain profitable activities would be seriously curtailed if the bill went into effect. The progressive element, however, who believe in granting "special privileges to none," are well satisfied with the bill, and they hope that it will meet the needs of the cotton situation so far as it concerns producer, middleman and consumer.

As to the practical working of the new system, there is no doubt that some defects will be discovered, but these, it is thought, can be remedied by legislation or the contingencies may be met by rules or by-laws to be adopted by the Exchange itself. At any rate, the system proposed by the bill is very little different from the future contract system of New Orleans, and this has worked satisfactorily enough to meet the approval of a great many Southern shippers.

ONE feature to be feared in the legislation to regulate cotton futures which is now pending in Washington is the possibility that Representative Lever may try to outdo Senator Smith and amend the Senate bill by adding certain drastic and onerous provisions when it comes up in the House. It is proposed, for instance, to lay a heavy tax on the trading of futures under any condition, and to double it if the Government provisions are not complied with.

In brief, the Smith bill provides for the adoption of Government standards of classification for all grades of cotton. It is expected that the Department of Agriculture will furnish a standard for upland cotton which is now lacking. The bill also provides for the adoption of commercial differences, which are to be fixed in accordance with the differences between the various grades as quoted in certain designated Southern markets. These differences are to be fixed a short time before delivery day in the contract market. Another clause provides for the single certificate system, which means that the grade and weight of each bale shall be specified and marked on each bale. This will do away with the necessity of breaking up lots of one hundred bales and recertifying the remnant of the lot, together with such additions as may be necessary to make up the required fifty thousand pounds of cotton.

TO the outsider it may seem strange that a few technical changes such as those embodied in the Smith bill should rectify certain alleged abuses which have been the occasion for clamor not only among Southern producers, but among shippers and consuming spinners. In order to understand the situation, it may be necessary to recount some of the complaints against the New York Cotton Exchange. The producer, for instance, has contended that the quoted price of cotton as reflected in New York contracts gave no idea of the value of the commodity, and for this reason depressed the price of his product. The members of the Cotton Exchange admitted this, but showed the farmer that the depression of contracts was due to the fact that the New York Cotton Exchange afforded an outlet for certain low grades which the farmer raised, and for which the spinner did not always afford an immediate market.

When these classes of cotton were sent to New York the option list naturally felt the depression, because the holder of these contracts, when he accepted delivery, knew that he might not find the cotton readily salable. If this same cotton, however, had been offered to the spinner and pressed for sale it would have brought much less than was obtained by delivering on contracts. The

producer, however, has plainly shown that he would rather have a higher quoted price for the great bulk of his crop, even if the effect should be only sentimental, than to have a ready outlet for what is usually a small proportion of the crop.

THE shipper, especially in the last year or two, has complained that the New York Cotton Exchange did not afford a good "hedge" and that the manipulation in the various options kept him guessing, so that he was given little or no insurance against price changes. If he bought, the price of spot cotton in the South advanced much more than futures, and an actual loss resulted. Frequently when he sold, the discount at which the sale was made exposed him to the danger of a sudden rise, whereby he would lose more on his hedge sales than he gained by advances in spot cotton. These complaints look inconsistent, but, nevertheless, they have come from every section of the South.

THE spinner has probably had a more logical basis for complaint than either the producer or shipper. Very frequently if the manufacturer comes to sell goods the buyer insists on making his purchases on a basis of New York quotations for cotton. The manufacturer vainly tries to show that the prices paid to the farmer are far above contract quotations for New York. The buyer is in a position to show indifference, and backed up by the official New York quotations is able at least to obtain concessions that mean losses to the spinner.

The present crop has aggravated complaints from spinners and manufacturers on this score. The crop is of low grade as the result of heavy and continuous rains the latter part of October and throughout November and December. High grades went to exceptional premiums, and low grades for a time sold at abnormal discounts. Inasmuch as the New York contract permitted the delivery of cotton somewhat lower in grade than either New Orleans or Liverpool, the market here was heavily sold in expectation of burdensome deliveries. In addition to this, certain big straddle operations were put through which involved the selling of contracts in New York and purchases in Liverpool.

Consequently, manufacturers were paying fourteen cents to fourteen and a half cents for strict middling cotton, and when buyers came in to make purchases they were frequently able to quote New York contracts below twelve cents and insist that they be given the goods on that basis. Naturally, there would have to be a pretty good profit in the manufacturing operation for a spinner to be able to buy cotton at fourteen cents and sell goods on a raw material basis ten dollars per bale lower.

THE inquiry naturally arises as to how the Smith bill will affect the situation with regard to the complaints of producers, shippers and spinners. In the first place the various improvements, including the standardization of grades, adoption of commercial differences and single certificate system, will make a "buyer's" contract instead of a "seller's" contract in New York. Instead of selling below the price of spot cotton in the leading Southern markets, contracts here will sell on a basis of Southern quotations plus freight and carrying charges. Some deduction naturally is called for, because a contract of one hundred bales which contains cotton ranging from good ordinary to middling fair, even if the average should be middling, will not sell as high as one hundred bales of selected middling. At any rate, however, the market will be fully representative of Southern spot prices minus allowances for the fact that deliveries do not call for even running selections. New York will sell at a proper parity above New Orleans, and the differences between these two markets for the first time in a great many years will be normal.

It is believed that it will be easier for the smaller firms to handle cotton for delivery on New York.

NEW YORK contracts probably will sell above a parity with all other markets. This is because New York is not a natural spot market, and in order to get cotton here the special inducement of high prices will have to be held forth. This is likely to create a very troublesome situation in time, and experienced cotton men believe that it will mean a succession of "squeezes" or corners of varying magnitude as each option comes due, particularly if a strong set of bulls come in and demand cotton to fill their contracts. Therefore, it looks as if New York, instead of selling below New Orleans when it should have sold at the New Orleans price plus the freight, might sell at the New Orleans price plus freight and plus the premium necessary to attract cotton to New York.

Of course, the South will be pleased with such developments, although it will not necessarily make actual cotton any higher.

## Panama Toll Exemptions

### A Comprehensive Summary of the Ways in Which a Subsidy to Coastwise Vessels in the Form of Free Passage Through the Canal Would Materially Discriminate Against Foreign Shipping

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**I**T is assumed by those who favor the policy of exemption from the payment of Panama tolls of the men and companies who own the ships that serve the coastwise trade, that this exemption can be no discrimination against the owners and users of ships under foreign flags, because only vessels of American ownership and enrollment can carry goods from one port of the United States to another. Will the exemption from Panama tolls of ships owned by citizens of the United States, or, more accurately speaking, by the coastwise steamship corporations chartered under the laws of some one of the States of the United States, work a discrimination against "the citizens or subjects" of any nation?

The four specific questions involved are: Does Panama toll exemption for the owners of ships serving the trade between the two seaboard of the United States, and toll payment by the owners of ships serving the trade between the two seaboard of Canada and Mexico, discriminate against any "nation or its citizens or subjects?"

Does toll exemption for the owners of ships serving the trade between the eastern seaboard of the United States and our west coast, and toll payment by the owners of ships serving the trade between European countries and the west coast of the United States, result in "no discrimination against any such nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise?"

Does Panama toll exemption for the owners of ships taking goods from New York to San Francisco or to Seattle for reconsignment and export thence to the Orient, and the payment of tolls by the owners of ships serving the trade from Europe to the Orient, discriminate against the citizens or subjects of European countries?

Does Panama toll exemption for the owners of ships carrying from Seattle or San Francisco to New York goods that have been brought to the west coast of the United States from the Orient, and the payment of tolls by vessels carrying goods directly from the Orient and Australia to New York discriminate against the foreign carriers and merchants?

**T**HE mere statement of these questions suggests affirmative answers. It will be well to inquire whether the questions represent merely theoretical possibilities or practical probabilities—to examine the trade referred to in these questions, to see whether the competition between those who pay tolls and those who do not will result in discrimination. The following illustrations are intended to be merely illustrative and not to include all phases of trade:

Lumber and fish are now shipped from British Columbia and from Washington and Oregon to the eastern seaboard of the United States. After the canal is opened the trade will be large and the competition between American and Canadian traders will be active. Canadian producers will be served by, or (particularly in lumber shipments) will use, vessels that pay tolls; while American traders will ship by vessels that do not pay canal charges. In so far as goods are shipped by vessels that are chartered by the traders and producers, the costs of securing transportation to the eastern seaboard of the United States via the Panama Canal will be affected by the payment, or exemption from payment, of tolls; and the Canadian citizens will suffer a discrimination "in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic."

The steel required in the western part of the United States for the erection of buildings and the construction of bridges, railroads, and irrigation works can be shipped by the United States Steel Corporation, the Bethlehem Steel Company, the American Bridge Company, the Maryland Steel Works, and other American corporations in chartered vessels—of course under the American flag—that will not be required to pay tolls at Panama; while the British, German, Belgian, and other possible European producers of steel in order to get their goods to the western part of the United

States in competition with American producers will be obliged to employ ships subject to Panama Canal tolls. It is certain "that the citizens or subjects" of European countries will feel that the payment of tolls by them and the non-payment of such charges by their American competitors establishes a discrimination "in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic."

**A**T the present time a considerable volume of trade originating in the southeastern and eastern parts of the United States is carried by rail to the west coast of the United States and exported thence to the Orient and Australasia. Some of this export traffic is now also carried by way of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and the Isthmus of Panama. After the canal is opened a much-increased volume of shipments from the southeastern and eastern sections of the United States will be taken from the Atlantic and Gulf ports of the United States by all-water routes via the Panama Canal to transpacific countries. It is possible that a greater or less share of these shipments will be consigned by the merchants at our Atlantic and Gulf ports to American merchants in San Francisco and other west-coast ports, and the shipments between the two seaboard may be by coastwise steamers whose owners are exempted from the payment of canal tolls. When the goods reach the west coast of the United States they, together with goods that have been brought to those ports by rail, will be reconsigned to their foreign destination in the Orient and Australasia. Shipments from our eastern seaboard to the Orient by way of west-coast ports will not be roundabout or indirect, because San Francisco and Puget Sound ports lie close to the short route from the canal to Japan, China, and the Philippines.

If goods are shipped from New York to the Orient without being consigned to a west-coast American port, the vessels transporting the goods, whether the vessels be owned by Americans or by foreigners, will have to pay canal tolls. Foreign-owned vessels engaged in our foreign trade from the eastern seaboard of the United States to transpacific countries will have to pay tolls; whereas the owners of the vessels which carry similar goods from our eastern to our western seaboard for reconsignment at a west-coast American port to a foreign destination will avoid the payment of tolls. Thus, in competing for the same trade the owners of American ships will have an advantage which the owners of foreign vessels will be denied.

Goods shipped from an eastern port of the United States, such as New York, to San Francisco or Seattle for reconsignment to the Orient will have to be transferred from one ship to another at the west-coast port unless the ship after reaching San Francisco or Seattle should be dispatched to the Orient, as it can be if it is a vessel registered for the foreign trade. The fact that it is a vessel registered for the foreign trade would not prevent its being used in the coastwise trade between our two seaboard. If an American vessel presents itself at the canal with a clearance from New York to San Francisco and has aboard it only goods shipped from New York to other American ports, the vessel would presumably pass through the canal toll free. If the same vessel, together with its cargo, was later dispatched from San Francisco to the Orient, no penalty would be incurred. The Panama Canal act exempting coastwise shipping from the payment of tolls would not have been violated, but it would have been evaded. If the goods taken by the coastwise vessel from New York to San Francisco were unloaded and taken thence to the Orient by another vessel, the Panama Canal act would be neither violated nor evaded, and yet trade between New York and the Orient would have been carried by vessels exempted from the payment of tolls.

Whether trade between the eastern part of the United States and the Orient will be carried on by way of some west-coast American port or directly without reconsignment en route will, if the goods are transferred at the port of reconsignment, depend upon the cost of such transfer as compared with the amount of tolls payable at Panama. If goods are not rehandled at the western port of reconsignment, the choice between lines operated directly from the eastern seaboard of the United States to the Orient and vessels operated via our west-coast ports will depend upon the relative facilities and rates via the alternative routes. Vessels owned by foreign citizens can participate only in the service of transportation by direct routes. They will have tolls to pay. Vessels owned by American citizens may engage in

the service via the port of transshipment, and no tolls will have to be paid.

For the commerce with the Orient and Australia there is now active competition between the eastern part of the United States and Europe. American producers and merchants are constantly bidding against British manufacturers and traders for the Oriental and Australasian trade. The Oriental commerce is now handled almost entirely by way of the Suez Canal. The Australian shipments are more largely by way of the Cape of Good Hope. A part of the trade of the eastern seaboard of the United States with the Orient is now carried on by way of Great Britain and Germany, between which countries and the Orient there is a larger volume of shipping than there is between our eastern seaboard and transpacific countries. With the opening of the Panama Canal, it is not probable that much, if any, of the commerce of the United States with countries beyond the Pacific will be handled by way of Europe. On the contrary, there are reasons for believing that it will be economical to send goods from Europe to New York for transshipment to the Orient, and that New York will become a depot for the handling of European-Oriental trade such as London and Hamburg are now for a part of the commerce of the United States with the Orient.

Freight rates westbound across the North Atlantic are low, because a much larger tonnage moves in the opposite direction. Our exports to Europe are heavier and bulkier than our imports, and vessels are glad to take traffic from Europe to the United States at relatively low rates. After the Panama Canal is opened there will be a large tonnage of shipping serving the trade between our eastern and western seaboard, and facilities will presumably exist for frequent and economical shipment from New York and other eastern American ports to the west coast of the United States. European goods, both non-dutiable and dutiable, can be entered at New York and shipped by a toll-free coastwise vessel to a merchant in San Francisco. It may be found profitable to enter non-dutiable European goods at New York, then ship them to some merchant on our west coast for reconsignment or reshipment to the Orient. It will apparently be possible to make this reconsignment without transfer or handling of the cargo at the west-coast port.

Similarly, goods from the Orient to New York can be entered at San Francisco or some other west-coast port and then be put aboard a ship owned by one of the coastwise carriers and sent on to New York or some other eastern port of the United States. Undoubtedly a good deal of the traffic from the Orient to the eastern United States will be transshipped at San Francisco, because there will be lines across the North Pacific not having services through the canal to the Atlantic ports. The goods brought to the west coast from the Orient will be brought eastward to the central and eastern sections of the United States, partly by railroad lines and partly by coastwise steamship lines. Citizens of foreign countries operating ships serving the trade from the Orient directly to the eastern seaboard of the United States in competition with the ships serving the trade carried by way of west-coast ports will have Panama Canal tolls to pay, whereas their competitors will be relieved from those tolls.

The four discriminations thus far referred to are specific and connected with the trade between particular sections. A broader question of discrimination was raised by the British Government in the note of protest which it submitted to this Government the 14th of November, 1912. In that note Sir Edward Grey refers to the stipulation in the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty that the conditions and charges of traffic through the Panama Canal "shall be just and equitable," and he states that

unless the whole volume of shipping which passes through the canal \*\*\* is taken into account, there are no means of determining whether the tolls chargeable upon a vessel represent that vessel's fair proportion of the current expenditure properly chargeable against the canal—that is to say, interest on the capital expended in construction and the cost of operation and maintenance.

It is also contended by Sir Edward Grey that any system by which particular vessels or classes of vessels were exempted from the payment of tolls would not comply with the stipulations of the treaty that the canal should be open on terms of entire equality and that the charges should be just and equitable.

Will or will not the exemption of the ships owned by the American coastwise steamship corporations increase the tolls to be paid by ships owned by citizens or subjects of foreign countries? Tolls are to be levied and collected at Panama presumably to pay the expenses for running and maintaining the canal and for meeting the interest charges on the funds invested in the canal; and it is to be expected that it will be the policy of the United States to make the canal

commercially self-supporting, if the traffic is large enough to secure the requisite revenues without unduly restricting the usefulness of the waterway. It will not be the policy of the United States to obtain profits in excess of the revenues required to meet operating, maintenance, interest, and amortization charges; but, if the traffic proves to be as large as it seems probable that it will be, the policy of the United States will doubtless be to have the canal carry itself commercially—to limit the canal expenses borne by the general taxpayers of the United States to the military and naval outlays required for the defense of the canal and for the maintenance, at the Isthmus, of forts and naval bases.

If it shall be, as it ought to be, the policy of the Government to make the canal commercially self-supporting, it is obvious that the rate of tolls imposed must be affected by the tonnage upon which the charges are levied; and that, if the toll-bearing tonnage is reduced by the exemption of the large volume of shipping owned by the individuals and corporations engaged in the coastwise trade, the rate of charges payable by the owners of American ships in the foreign trade and by the citizens owning vessels under foreign flags must be higher than the rate would be if all vessels using the canal were required to pay tolls.

Another fact to be borne in mind is that the toll-exemption clause of the Panama Canal act will not only discriminate against the trade and shipping in which citizens or subjects of other countries are interested; it will also place a handicap upon a part of our own trade. Most of the trade of Central America and much of the commerce of Mexico is handled through the west-coast ports of those countries. After the canal is opened there will be a large volume of shipping moving between the two seaboard of the United States directly past west-coast Central American and Mexican ports. Those countries are close to the United States. Their exports are needed in our country. Our industries should supply Central America and Mexico with imports. If our ships engaged in trade between the two seaboard of the United States are permitted to stop en route at Central American and Mexican ports to discharge and take on cargo, it may be possible to transfer the trade of those countries from British, German, and other European traders to American merchants and to give ships owned by the citizens of the United States the traffic which is now, and under the terms of the Panama Canal act must continue to be, handled mainly by ships owned by foreign citizens.

The partial statement here made of the handicap that will be placed upon the "citizens or subjects" of other nations who own ships that serve our foreign trade and the commerce of foreign nations with one another, by exempting from Panama tolls the individuals and corporation owning or chartering vessels that carry our domestic products and our imported goods between our Atlantic and Pacific seaboard, goes far to explain why there was such earnest advocacy of the policy of exempting from toll payments the individuals who own coastwise ships, the large shippers and traders who charter vessels, and the corporations who operate steamship lines. The discrimination in favor of certain classes of American traders, in favor of the producers whose output is large enough to enable them to ship their products in full-vessel cargoes, and in favor of the corporations owning the coastwise steamship lines, is real, and naturally is desired by the prospective beneficiaries.

The coastwise toll-exemption clause of the Panama Canal act grants an unjustifiable subsidy. The taxpayers of the country who have paid for the Panama Canal are entitled to receive reasonable tolls from the individuals and corporations who use the canal and derive profit therefrom. When the general public clearly understands what is involved in exempting the owners and charterers of coastwise ships from toll payments, it seems certain that the Canal act of Aug. 24, 1912, must be amended by striking out the toll-exemption clause.

#### A Politico-Financial Barometric

LONDON, March 23.—The investment market has been supplied a little too rapidly and as a result three big loans have been failures of late; here is their record:

	Present Amount	Issue Price	Subscribed Price, discount.
South Australian Government 4%...50%	100	7%	
South African Government 4%...29%	98½	7-18	
Canada steamship 5% debentures...10%	93	4-3½	

South Australia was too dear, and we have our doubts about the political future of South Africa. For the moment, moreover, accumulations of capital awaiting investment at the beginning of the year seem all to have found a home. Another restraining influence undoubtedly is Ulster.

## The Northwest Resists Eastern Pessimism

### Crop Conditions in the High Fields Are Just Too Good for the Bad News Out of the East

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

MINNEAPOLIS, April 2.—The crop season has opened and a precedent of twenty years' standing has been broken, for up to this time not a man at the Chamber of Commerce or in the local banks or business places has asked another man "What's Brown's Valley doing?" The most popular Springtime query in the Northwest is dead.

Ever since the Northwest prairies began to raise wheat in quantity sufficient to be important and Minneapolis began to grind it into flour Brown's Valley has been a Springtime prosperity index. Brown's Valley lies on the Great Northern Road in Traverse County, Minn., just on the border of Roberts County, S. D., and only a few miles from Richland County, N. D. Geographic position gave it prominence. It was to be assumed that if farmers were plowing or were seeding wheat at Brown's Valley they were doing the same over a wide extent of territory similarly situated.

This year things are changed. The country is in splendid condition agriculturally. Brown's Valley is still the same, but a situation that is unique makes the Spring plowing and seeding problem less important.

Farmers, who are the real business makers in the Northwest, are already in the fields in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Northern Iowa, and Eastern Montana, and the biggest crop acreage by far that ever was planted is going into soil that is in the best condition ever known. These are not extreme statements. Any figures that would pretend to say how much the acreages of wheat, corn, oats, flax, and other crops will increase would be premature and unreliable. But this much is conservatively true, there will be the biggest acreage ever put in.

Naturally, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Fargo, Grand Forks, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, and other cities of the Northwest show little of the business pessimism that prevails further east. This week the news of the laying off of men by the Pennsylvania Road came along, following less favorable news in general. It had practically no effect here. This does not mean that the Northwest is booming. The Security National Bank in its monthly circular, just out, says that business is quiet. The Northwestern National Bank, which covers the Northwest more closely in detail, probably, than any other investigator, frankly notes that there are some things less favorable than in past years, and makes no claim whatever that there is big business going on. But the contrast between East and West probably never was brought out more sharply than at this time.

Here is a general country-wide situation in which Congress, the Mexican situation, the tariff, industrial recession, the rate question, and other like factors color the news. The Northwest recognizes them, and does not claim immunity from general causes that extend widely. But the crop season is again at hand. How much the crop season overshadows everything else only one who has lived in the Northwest can understand. There is nothing just like it further East. Its complement is to be found in the Southwest and in the cotton States, yet it may be doubted if there is anything that compares fully with crop-seeding time in the Northwest. The Winter wheat farmer has his crop in the ground when Spring comes on. But the Spring wheat farmer has to get busy as soon as Winter departs.

Nothing like existing natural conditions was ever known before in the Northwest. Last Fall saw the most remarkable period of fine weather ever experienced. It seemed as if there was not going to be any Winter at all. Until December it was possible to plow. Consequently there is this year a total lack of "Spring plowing," as a factor for the grain market. It was all done last Fall.

That is why nobody cares especially what Brown's Valley is doing this year. Nobody cares especially whether it rains a little more or less or whether wheat seeding has started in a particular locality. The soil is in prime condition.

That is why the Northwest, notwithstanding the Eastern situation, the effect here of certain influences that are necessarily wide in their extent and a business condition that is generally described as "quiet," is the most optimistic part of the United States. The crop is the big thing, and the crop never had such a chance to make a record as it has this year as conditions are at the start.

### CHICAGO'S BRAND OF GLOOM

#### Can Hardly Hope for Good Times, Even with Increased Rates

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

CHICAGO, April 3.—The situation is basically bad. One good man says the need is a freight rate raise. Another says labor must take a wage cut. Both may be right, but business gets worse. Those who study deep down suspect that the real cause is cumulative effect of extravagance.

Everybody talks railroad. The Railroad looks like the weak spot. It is the strongest spot. And the cheapest thing in the world to-day is a first-class American railroad bond. The most capable man on earth is the manager of our railroads. Look at the figures.

Of course, the railroad manager buys nothing he does not have to buy. The price and the cost of transportation are out of his hands. Who would want to be a railroad manager, and there they are—the brainiest men we know. Their capital is invested in railroad securities.

The leaders in all lines of industry and commerce say that the railroad dilemma is the most essential cause of dullness in trade. They all want a freight rate advance, and they want it right away. The biggest shippers want it most. They may have an ulterior motive in seeking to escape a larger share of the transportation burden by distributing it pro rata among all shippers, but the fact remains that the shippers, big and little, recognize their self-interest in granting relief to the railroads. It was on the assumption that relief was coming soon that business had a spurt in February. If there is not to be relief soon the prevailing impression here is that there is deeper depression ahead.

Chicago bank clearings show substantial increase, and March loadings of Chicago railroads make fine comparisons with a year ago, but that represents climatic and circumstantial factors. Traffic is not ascending, and general business is on the downgrade. Prices of everything are weak. There is seasonable activity in many lines, and road sales make very fair comparisons with a year ago, but buying is extremely close to current requirements, and collections are indifferent. The steel industry languishes. The best that can be said about business in general is that it just drifts along.

Money holds pretty firm at 4 to 4½ per cent. Because the banks are not in a lending mood. There is not much borrowing demand, either. April 1 always brings shifting in investments for tax dodging, but the bond market also is on the slide. The bond market might be described as holding its own, but investment demand shrinks.

#### Always Blame Somebody

*Editor of The Annalist:*

When matters do not go to his liking the primitive savage curses and beats his fetish, which, he supposes, has great control over his affairs. In the same way, I think, we berate our Government for unpleasant occurrences, whether they are due to our own fault, or not.

Would it not be more sensible for us to take notice that the iron business and railroad earnings are at present bad in other civilized countries as well as here. The price of Cleveland pig iron in England has fallen from 70 shillings per ton to 50 shillings in the last fifteen months. And might we not remember also that the iron business and railroad earnings were bad here just after each of our five previous industrial crises, namely, those of 1873, 1884, 1893, 1903, and 1907?

The following figures show the rate of decrease in iron production and in railroad earnings in the first three months of each of the years following the crisis years 1893, 1903, 1907, and 1913:

#### RATE OF DECREASE IN IRON PRODUCTION, COMPARED WITH SAME MONTH IN PRECEDING YEAR

	1894.	1904.	1908.	1914.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
January	42.84	37.47	52.58	32.58
February	42.04	13.37	47.19	27.90
March	43.36	9.00	44.83	....

#### RATE OF DECREASE IN RAILROAD EARNINGS, COMPARED WITH SAME MONTH IN PRECEDING YEAR

	1894.	1904.	1908.	1914.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
January	12.25	4.55	12.49	5.32
February	12.54	2.90	11.79	9.61
March	13.05	0.06	13.37	....

\*Increase.

The pressing problems to-day are, first, how to foresee and to avert such a depletion of investing power as we are to-day suffering from, and, second, how to force Directors to perform their duties. We need not berate the Government in order to effect either of these.

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THE whole world, market-wise, was inclined to apathy last week, if not gloomy. Berlin took a dark view of the developments in the Balkans. Paris was in the same state of mind on account of the decline of industry in Russia, where factories are laying off thousands of men. London was still muffled by the political crisis over Ulster and the uncomfortable spread of the idea of armed resistance among the labor unions. New York was more cheerful than any of the European markets.

## BERLIN'S ANXIETY OVER BALKANS

### It Induces a Reactionary Tendency Upon the Boerse at the Week End

*By Cable to The Annalist*

BERLIN, April 4.—The Boerse had a better week, stimulated, as it was until Thursday, by New York and London advices, and by easing money. It weakened on Friday upon the Albanian situation and reductions in the German exports of steel. Price weakness continued to-day because of the growing anxiety over the Albanian troubles, and reductions in home steel prices and the Wall Street reaction.

An upward tendency earlier in the week found support in the fact that the bear position had been much swollen in March, and shorts began to fear that easing money would be the cause of a general recovery. Hence, there was considerable covering of engagements, with the effect of lifting prices in New York, and especially in London, stimulating Canadian Pacific.

Prices fell off sharply to-day, in response to poor reports from New York yesterday. Baltimore & Ohio was sharply depressed Friday, on the fear that Union Pacific would now distribute its holdings. This was the cause of considerable selling.

Mexican securities had a better week than usual, being especially strong on Thursday upon the announcement of Huerta's financial plans, but reacted somewhat to-day, owing to reports of the taking of Torreon. London bought Mexican issues here earlier in the week.

Steamship shares moved irregularly, stimulated, first, by hopeful remarks on the business situation at the Hansa's stockholders' meeting, but depressed later by the less optimistic declaration at the Lloyd's meeting. The outbreak of cholera at Hong-kong was also a bear factor. Nevertheless, the week resulted in a higher level.

The Reichsbank's return registered the heaviest depreciation status ever shown before, excepting once. This was due largely to Government withdrawals. But the open market eased so rapidly that the market disregarded the bad return. The further monetary outlook is regarded as satisfactory, especially that at London.

## Foreign Factors on the Bourse

*By Cable to The Annalist*

PARIS, April 4.—The changed condition of New York sentiment, with continued optimism, and the improvement in copper prices, were aids to Rio Tinto. South African issues found support by London save in diamond mine issues, where the competition of German mines is feared.

American railroad bonds were slightly better. The Pere Marquette default is expected to stimulate the granting of higher tariffs. The decision on Panama tolls is satisfactory to business and official circles.

Impending issues from Greece and China were held back because capitalists consider there are too many uncertainties in the Balkan situation, while the impending Chinese money stringency is dangerous. A 500,000,000 franc issue of Turkish 5 per cents. is expected at the end of April.

Discounts are unchanged. Heavy differences, resulting from the heavy liquidation at the end of March, are reported to have been regularly settled.

## A CHANGE OF SENTIMENT IN PARIS

### Encouraged by Optimism Elsewhere, All Departments of the Bourse Improved

*By Cable to The Annalist*

PARIS, April 4.—Monday opened unfavorably, with the Bourse anxiously conjecturing probabilities that the budget, wherein a general income tax proposal was incorporated at the eleventh hour, would be voted before the dissolution of the Chamber. Learning that the budget was remanded to the next session, all capitalists rejoiced, and the Bourse rallied Tuesday, preparing to employ the two months' truce allowed by Parliamentary vacations to follow the optimism of foreign markets. London, Berlin, and Wall Street reports continued encouraging, and the Paris market, though solely professional, improved steadily in all departments, unheeding the Chamber's last anti-capitalistic vote to tax rente coupons, which the Senate is sure to reject later. Rentes also moved upward.

Some improvement was shown by bank stocks, which were benefited by the Government's decision to diminish to 2 per cent. the foreign fund stamp.

Unfavorable developments at St. Petersburg—the Duma's insistence on an anti-industrial and anti-trust measure, and the lockout of 70,000 operatives at the Poutiloff and other factories, among others—were responsible for the sagging tendency of Russian funds and industrials. Russian oil stocks improved, however, owing to manipulation by French speculative interests.

Influenced by the rising price of coffee and the prospect of a favorable outcome of the loan negotiations, the Brazilian situation improved considerably.

Various reports from different sources were heard as to the fate of Torreon. Paris is confident that President Wilson will soon find some manner of recognizing Huerta. The noteworthy steadiness of Mexican securities on the Bourse was owing to the lack of belief in the possibility of Villa's ultimate success.

## POLITICS STILL MUFFLE LONDON

### Both Sides Are Talking Peace, But Trading in Consols Is Quite Dull

*By Cable to The Annalist*

LONDON, April 4.—A great political demonstration to-day by both sides affected hopes of a settlement of the Ulster question. Consols were dull. The widespread strike of Yorkshire coal miners, involving 170,000 men, affected the shipping trade and the railways, depressing their securities.

Argentine rails were bought on the expectation of a fine maize traffic. The oil share market was active and bright, especially for Russian and Egyptian shares. Otherwise, the markets here were quiet, pending Monday's settlement. Politics is still the chief influence, although there is also disappointment in the money market because there are no cheaper funds, as they are now held up by the Government's fiscal operations, but they will be released for dividends Monday, when there will be a weaker discount rate. Consequently, it is expected already that a keen demand for all good new issues will arise.

Today's new issues are £2,000,000 Austrian 4½ per cent. notes at 5¼, part of an issue of £16,525,000, and £2,600,000 Central Railway of Canada 5 per cent. bonds at 90. The former was unpopular, for political reasons.

The closing down of the Great Cobar Copper Mine in Australia, due to the insolvency of the workings, was a great shock to the mining market.

The general outlook is for a recovery, with easier money, but constant setbacks, due to great political strain and uncertainty, are expected. Investment markets are better than the speculative.

The magnanimous action of Congress on the tolls bill received cordial recognition. The market

for American securities was under the influence of conflicting reports on the rate decision. News of the conclusion of negotiations between Brazil and the Rothschilds is anxiously awaited.

## AMERICAN STOCKS IN LONDON

### Dealings Are Influenced by Local Considerations, But the Market Is Not Primary

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

LONDON, March 28.—As far as the London market is concerned, American railroad securities, as is well known, fall into two groups. First, there are Canadian Pacifics, Unions, Steels, and Southern Pacifics. Dealings in them, as far as we are concerned, are principally influenced by local British and international European considerations; they tend to rise and fall in sympathy with the general tone of business in the stock markets; and they are affected in a secondary degree only by the actual state of affairs at headquarters in America. That is because they are widely held in Europe by speculators and speculative investors.

Then there are such stocks as Eries, Readings, Rock Island, which are dealt in here to some small extent by speculators, but they follow almost altogether the initiative of Wall Street. The rest are quoted here, but in these days dealings in them here are not big enough or frequent enough to give London even a semblance of initiative as to the control of their price.

Price movements in the first group are partly the result of European dealings; in the other group, not at all. So if we have a market recovery in April and you do not, Canadas, Unions, and Steels will feel the benefit most. But it seems not unlikely that whatever of recovery there is here will be seen in Wall Street, too, and for the same reasons.

## LAND DEBENTURES FROM CANADA

### Long-Time Agricultural Credit Paper Has Appeared on the London Market

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

LONDON, March 28.—Attracted, no doubt, by the signs of increasing abundance of unemployed capital over here, efforts are being made on behalf of a good many trust and mortgage companies in the States and in Canada to induce the British investor, big and little, to give his money to those companies to invest for him on mortgages of real estate. Insurance companies and others have had much business of the sort set before them. As far as farm mortgages in the settled Central and Middle West are concerned, the security seems good enough; and the principal obstacle in the way of those who seek to advance the business is the overwhelming conservatism of our investors. Mortgages on city property, especially in new cities, attract us not at all, and rightly. No margin of safety, not 50 per cent., nor 75 per cent., below the alleged market value, we feel, is enough to secure protection in many such cases, in view of the grotesque inflation of values in some mushroom towns, especially in Western Canada.

This week a Canadian company, the Dominion Trust Company, has been tempting us with what it calls an offer of mortgage certificates. What that means is that you are invited to lend the company your money, not less than £50, for a short term of years. In return for that you get the company's promise to repay you your loan at the term, and 5 per cent. interest in the meanwhile. But there is no assurance that you get any mortgage in your own name, and you get no charge on the assets of the company in the nature of a debenture. No more unsatisfactory security could be devised. It is no more than a promissory note. It is not by such devices that European capital will be tempted into investment in mortgages in the New World.

But for well arranged schemes of mortgage investment of the sort it is quite possible that there might be a future here. The essential element of security is that the lender should get a first charge with the right of foreclosure on assets adequate to cover his loan, with a margin of at the very least 33 per cent. over. No insurance company or sensible investor here would look at anything less, whether it be called mortgage certificates or what not. Our investors will have to be educated up to such business; and this is not a very good opportunity to begin. Their thoughts just at present are turning homeward.

## Dutch Analysis of American Conditions

**They See in Certain Recent Disclosures an Evidence of Careless Management of Important Railways**

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

AMSTERDAM, March 23.—Recent disclosures indicate some carelessness in the management of American railroads, and it appears as if the period of prosperity following the years of crises at the end of the last century, and interrupted by the setback in 1903-04, and the panic of 1907, have not induced the managements of many railroads to adhere to sound and conservative principles. Among recent occurrences there are a few which especially attract attention in this respect.

The measures of the syndicate managers for the 5 per cent. note issue of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway illustrate clearly that the dividend policy of the late Edwin Hawley was far too liberal. Measures from the outside to correct lack of proper attention by the management to maintenance of way, structure, and equipment in a high physical condition, accordingly, resulted.

The most striking example of what serious consequences a too liberal dividend policy leads to is undeniably shown in the case of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company. It has been announced that during the next five years \$49,000,000 fresh capital will be required, of which \$25,000,000 will have to be put in the property in order to establish a sound condition. It is hardly to be assumed that under present conditions the company can secure such an amount without great sacrifices being required from the owners of the securities of the holding company of the Rock Island system.

The discoveries concerning the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in connection with the Puget Sound extension have strengthened conviction here that during recent years methods to be severely criticised have been followed by some of the railroads of your country. It was to be regretted that this company, owing to the fever of expansion by which it and a few others were attacked some years ago, and the bad influence of the expansion upon its own operating results, had been obliged to reduce its dividend rate to 5 per cent. in 1912. Now, to learn that the figures of the Puget Sound extension were incorrect, and that the extension has been entered on the books at far too high a valuation, has caused a feeling of disgust among our people, who have always ranked the St. Paul among the first-rate roads on your side. Judging from the figures, it cannot be denied that there is reason to believe that the rumors are well founded.

After the period of 1910-11 no separate reports of the Puget Sound have been published, but the figures for that period show gross earnings per mile of about \$7,500, against \$8,630 per mile with the St. Paul. This seems a rather too favorable proportion for a line operating for the first year. As to the book value of the property, we find an item of \$258,792,228 as of June 30, 1911, or about \$137,000 per mile. Even when assuming that the share capital of the Puget Sound merely represents "water," and the item of \$100,000,000 capital must be deducted from the book value, there remains \$158,792,228, equal to about \$84,000 per mile. Considering that the St. Paul at the time of the fusion with the Puget Sound had valued its own properties at \$301,592,894, or about \$41,000 per mile, there is a difference between the book value of the property of the Puget Sound and that of the St. Paul which undoubtedly creates a very poor impression among investors.

The same cause has been responsible for injury to the Denver & Rio Grande, owing to its weaker condition. It is known that the Denver had difficulty last year in paying the \$1,436,000 guaranteed on Western Pacific bonds. For this sum, and to cover its own current requirements, the Denver had to issue 7 per cent. adjustment bonds. Holders of Denver securities are afraid that development of Western Pacific's territory will be so slow that the Denver will find it too heavy a burden and be forced to pay to get rid of it.

Declines in Missouri, Kansas & Texas securities, of which a large amount are held here, on rumors that preferred dividends would not be maintained, have led to a close inspection of reports of earnings for the year to date for clues to dividend prospects.

Gross earnings for the first half year show a decrease of \$348,143, or about 2 per cent., but owing to increased cost of maintenance, higher transportation costs and larger taxes, the net earnings show a fall of \$1,462,017, or about 25 per cent. Notwithstanding this heavy fall, taking it for granted that fixed charges have not increased,

considerably since the close of the fiscal year, after payment of the same, there remained a surplus of about \$850,000, or over three times the amount needed for the payment of the half year's dividend on the preferred stock.

Of course it must be seen in what manner the surplus will be affected by the operating results for the second half year, but even assuming that the figures for that period will not show, after payment of fixed charges, any surplus at all, the dividend for the whole year would have been fully earned, and according to these figures the uneasiness cannot be explained.

Consulting the history of the company during recent years we find that even in the fiscal year 1911-12, when the earnings were only sufficient to meet the interest charges and hardly any surplus remained for the preferred shareholders, the dividend payments were not stopped, but the management deemed it right to maintain the dividend, considering the facts that in the preceding year the dividend was earned more than three and a half times and that the effect of the crop failure upon the earnings would only be temporary.

Indeed, their action was justified by the facts, and in the year following upon the unfavorable period 1911-12, the dividend was earned four and a half times, so that after payment of the dividend there remained a surplus of \$1,796,935 against deficit of \$502,832 in the preceding year. Therefore, should there be an occasional setback in the earnings, there should not be reason for uneasiness. However, the proverb "Where there is smoke there is fire" and the recent disappointments with other roads cause our people to ask whether there is perhaps some reason, yet in the dark, of permanent character, for apprehending danger for the shareholders?

## EUROPE GETTING NEW IMPRESSIONS

**Recent American Railroad Developments Have Made Parisian Opinion Favor Radical Measures**

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

PARIS, March 27.—The charges which have been brought lately in America against the Chicago, Milwaukee and the Pennsylvania have created considerable sensation in Paris, where both companies have some of their bonds listed.

Wall Street first impressions may be violent, but, owing to its proximity to railway headquarters, your market is apt to modify its first views in accordance with daily developments of the case. Paris, on the other hand, gets the first sensational news, to which the popular press gives considerable space and, after reading such headings as "American Rail Scandal: Watering of a Hundred Million Dollars" or "How the Guarantees Given to French Investors are Being Diluted," hears none of the extenuating sequels to the initial disclosures.

The financial public, which follows all that the financial press consents to print on the subject, is supplied solely with severe comment on the justifications volunteered by the various officials of the lines. Thus President A. J. Earling's declaration is generally condemned as dark and unsustainable; the feeling that Puget Sound was saddled with \$100,000,000 common stock more than it should carry is in no way lessened by the knowledge that, so far, that stock has neither been sold nor valued at any price in the holders' balance sheet.

When first Roosevelt fought the trusts, European sympathy went a good deal to the business magnates, as it was recognized that they had greatly contributed to the country's development. But since the recent revelations opinion has turned tail, and it is considered high time for your railway combines to be led, as in Europe, by properly qualified engineers and traffic managers, for whom the line is a business proposition in itself and not merely a pretext to raise unlimited funds.

To the continental mind the size of a concern is given by its capital stock. In France, especially, the practice of distributing bonus shares is considered equal to an issue of bogus shares. In this country stock is a proof of the constitution of capital up to its paid up value, and not merely a share in the ownership of whatever net assets the concern may possess. To explain this conception you must know that no company can be legally constituted in France until one-quarter of its nominal capital is paid up; every new issue of stock is dealt in in a similar way, and shortly after the allotment of new shares a special proprietors' meeting must be convened to sanction the notarial act which probes subscriptions as bona fide ones and ascertains payments made in cash.

This enormous difference between the American and French meaning of what a company is lies at the bottom of the whole question.

The discredit cast on the whole railway organization of the States is spreading. Will no authoritative voice rise to dispel it?

## The Specific Items of Parisian Gloom

**Plenty of Money, but from Idleness of Trade, and No Hope Is Obtained from Other Financial Centres.**

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

PARIS, March 27.—To review political and economic factors which have an influence over our Bourse at present is a task fit for a district visitor to the sick.

Purely monetary considerations are fair, for undoubtedly there is much money out of a job. But here again the ugliness of the cause destroys the comeliness of the effects, as the existence of idle cash betrays prolonged slackness in trade and distrust in investments.

If foreign markets helped us along, if, by supporting their own born, they allowed us to unload on to them some of our dead weight, we might get a peep from under our gloomy shroud, but what do we find abroad? London in a comatose state through fears of a civil war in Ireland; Wall Street, where a three-year-old crisis intends to keep in the running, half hysterical over any sign from those who hold the future of railway tariffs, and at St. Petersburg a poor fledgling thrown out of the State upholstered nest, after the much lamented Kokowtsoff had kept it there snugly guarded from all untoward winds.

As for Paris, its local reason for gloominess is unending taxation. The animosity shown by Parliament to securities in general condemns them to bear the first shock of public extravagance. A reasonable increase to their charges would be well understood and patiently borne, but our business men find that as it is their share in the public burden is considerable, as shown by the following yield of the three tithe:

	Stamp.	Trans-	Income	Total
	Frances.	mission	Tax.	Frances.
1908.....	36,810,500	63,067,000	160,079,000	190,914,500
1909.....	74,722,500	76,387,000	102,550,000	233,129,500
1910.....	63,843,000	84,225,000	107,836,000	231,924,000
1911.....	54,035,000	91,558,000	115,599,000	201,822,000
1912.....	43,081,000	96,618,000	126,118,500	236,417,500
1913.....	53,565,000	106,171,500	138,049,000	237,705,500

Now the increase sent down by the Senate to the Chamber, where, if anything, it will be made worse, must yield an additional ninety-four millions, raising the stamp duty abonnement by 50 per cent., the transmission by 20 per cent., and extending the 4 per cent. income tax to foreign funds that will bring the fisc's share in securities held by Frenchmen to double what it was seven years ago.

The effects of the income tithe on foreign funds are already evinced by the fall in the foreign department, with the exception of the latest Russian railway 4½ per cents., on which the coupons are free from all present and future French taxes. Once the law is passed, the tax on dividends or interest will amount to 14 per cent., as against 10 per cent. to 11 per cent. hitherto paid. Foreign buyers will then more than ever eschew Paris for their investments, and, which is harder still, fresh borrowers will avoid the French markets as long as they can find trust elsewhere. Why are they to sacrifice 14 per cent. of their credit on the altar of French fisc, when London and Berlin, both equal to Paris in standing, are satisfied with less?

Issuing expenses, even apart from taxes, are already highest in Paris, where, according to a recent pamphlet by a financial magnate closely connected with the great house of Rothschild, the rule is as follows:

Syndicate remuneration.....	2 %
Expenses .....	1½ %
Advertisement .....	½ %
Sundries .....	¼ %
	4½ %

The attraction of a large investment market served so far to gild the bitter pill, but if fiscal hardship is associated to inquisition preparatory to the general income tax on the Frenchman's whole revenue, the nation's savings will tend abroad, and then the only Parisian allurements to foreign borrowers will have disappeared.

## The Greek Loan in Paris

*Special Correspondence of The Annalist*

PARIS, March 27.—Just as everybody ceased to wait for it, out came the Greek loan prospectus yesterday, concerning 250,000,000 francs' worth of Fives, of which 175,000,000 are reserved to the French market and the balance set apart for Greece, Egypt and the United States. The issue has become feasible through Greece's consenting a further sacrifice in the shape of the Tobacco tithe of Fr. 2-per Oke, which is given as an additional guarantee.

## Barometrics

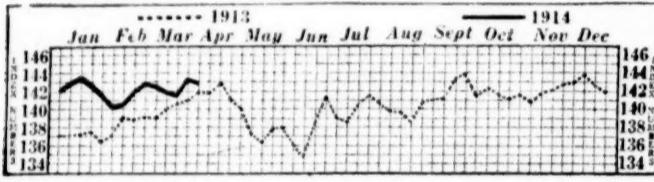
JUDGING from the barometric statistics, business is in a hesitating mood, and no important changes were recorded during the week. The result of the Controller's call on national banks for a report of their condition as of March 4 has been given out, and shows a drop in the ratio of cash to loans. This is, however, to some extent a seasonal movement. Cotton spinners are less cautious in their comments than they were at this time last year. The average net yield of ten high-grade bonds again fell, showing further improvement in bond prices. Commercial failures are still running above normal, both in number and the amount of liabilities.

### THE ANNALIST INDEX NUMBER

	Weekly Averages.	Years' Averages.
Apr. 4.....	112.91	1913.....139.98
Mar. 28.....	143.28	1912.....143.25
Mar. 21.....	141.57	1911.....131.06
Mar. 14.....	111.96	1910.....137.17
Mar. 7.....	142.49	1896.....80.09
Feb. 28.....	142.77	1890.....109.25

An index number is a means of showing fluctuations in the average price of a group of commodities. The Annalist Index Number shows the fluctuations in the average wholesale price of twenty-five food commodities selected and arranged to represent a theoretical family's food budget. It is a consumer's Index Number, more sensitive than the Government's Index Number, or any other. Its course from January, 1913, to date by weeks, and its exact present position are shown in the chart below:

Curve of the Food Cost of Living



### POTENTIALS OF PRODUCTIVITY

Copper and Iron Produced			
February.	January.	February.	January.
1914.....1,888,813	1913.....2,586,337	1914.....1,885,054	1913.....2,795,331
Tons of pig iron.....1,22,561,007	130,948,881	131,770,274	143,479,625

American Copper Consumed			
February.	January.	February.	January.
1914.....47,586,657	1913.....59,676,492	1914.....47,956,955	1913.....65,210,030
At home, pounds.....83,899,183	72,168,523	87,955,501	60,383,845
Exported, pounds.....			
Total, pounds.....131,485,840	131,845,015	135,912,456	125,593,875

Cotton Movement and Consumption			
(N. Y. Cotton Exchange Official Report)			
Past Week.	Same Week in 1913	Sept. 1 to Latest Date.	
Week.			
Cotton, "into sight," bales.....136,086	139,241	13,244,934	12,544,238
American mill takings.....100,002	81,901	4,621,570	4,500,629
World's takings of American cotton.....			
276,758	268,663	10,525,388	10,317,706

The Metal Barometer			
—End of February.—	—End of January.—	1914.	1913.
1914.....71,399	93,086	63,470	91,328
Daily pig iron capacity, tons.....			
U. S. Steel's orders, tons.....5,026,440	7,656,714	4,613,680	7,932,164
World's copper stocks, lbs.....138,739,852	222,385,398	145,581,485	219,744,572

Building Permits			
—February, 80 Cities.—	—January, 125 Cities.—	1914.	1913.
1914.....\$28,808,822	\$38,668,654	\$42,976,618	\$50,349,048

Migration			
—January.—	—Seven Months.—	1914.	1913.
1914.....44,708	46,441	77,577	59,384
Inbound (alien only).....			
Outbound (alien only).....34,216	29,730	188,006	217,501
Balance.....	+ 10,492	+ 16,711	+ 59,571
			+ 374,383

OUR FOREIGN TRADE			
February.	Eight Months.	1914.	1913.
1914.....\$173,808,468	\$193,996,942	\$1,695,615,479	\$1,720,631,662
Exports.....			
Imports.....119,937,011	149,913,918	1,217,689,509	1,246,398,685
Excess of imports. \$23,871,457	\$44,083,024	\$477,925,970	\$474,232,977

Exports and Imports at New York			
Exports.	Imports.	1914.	1913.
1914.....\$20,571,289	\$21,648,051	\$21,454,759	\$19,286,617
Week ended Mar. 28.....			
Thirteen weeks.....264,241,715	251,629,910	242,682,820	246,763,040

### MEASURES OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY

#### Bank Clearings

Percentage figures show gains or losses in comparison with a year before.			
The past week.	P. C.	The week before.	P. C.
1914.....\$3,732,770,137	+ 5.8	\$3,097,175,873	+ 7.7
1913.....3,528,939,562	- 0.3	2,876,195,709	- 10.8
1912.....3,541,739,432	+ 9.9	3,322,750,656	+ 16.2
1911.....3,221,290,302	+ 2.7	2,816,320,077	- 15.1
1910.....3,136,756,354	- 6.0	3,364,444,652	+ 0.1
1909.....3,336,712,826	+ 12.1	3,366,712,826	+ 36.0
1908.....2,975,200,288	- 23.2	2,471,422,419	- 23.2
1907.....3,437,923,501	- 3.8	3,212,739,805	- 3.8

#### The Car Supply

Mar. 15, 1914.	Mar. 15, 1913.	Mar. 15, 1912.	Mar. 15, 1911.	Mar. 15, 1910.	Mar. 15, 1909.	Mar. 15, 1908.
Net surplus of all freight cars.....124,865	153,907	37,775	3,043	207,261	17,342	290,868

Gross Railroad Earnings						
Third Week in March.	Second Week in March.	All January.	to July 1.	1913.	1912.	1911.
This year.....\$9,476,571	\$4,374,595	\$129,903,258	\$1,054,797,685			
Same last year....9,628,129	4,503,717	139,310,188	1,065,338,665			
Gain or loss....-\$151,558	-\$129,122	-\$9,406,930	-\$10,540,980			
—1.6%	—2.8%	—6.7%	—1.0%			
*17 roads. +13 roads. +31 roads.						

### FINANCE

Year Same Period.						
Past Week.	Week Before.	To Date.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Sales of stocks, shares.....1,087,970	1,245,737	22,848,853	24,688,030			
Av. price of 50 stocks.....70.65	71.32	High 73.30	High 79.10			
Sales of bonds, par value.....\$14,370,500	\$12,786,500	\$229,151,500	\$153,193,000			
Average net yield of ten savings bank bonds.....4.195%	4.205%	4.2403%	4.2225%			
New security issues.....\$20,260,000	\$24,764,300	\$510,363,900	\$666,766,172			
Refunding.....4,500,000	1,000,000	114,007,887	97,689,000			

### THE CREDIT POSITION

Last Week.	Previous Week.	Since Jan. 1.	—Same Week.—

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# Money and Banking

There is quite a little talk about the favorable turn lately shown in bank clearings and there is a disposition to see in them signs of an upward trend, again, in business. Money for good mercantile use is comparatively cheap, discounts going as low as 3½%. In New York the banking tendency at the week's end was toward larger loans and deposits and decreasing reserve holdings.

## Bank Clearings

For the week ended Saturday noon. Reported by telegraph to The Annalist.

Central Reserve Cities:	Fourteenth Week.		Fourteen Weeks.		Change	Year's
	1914.	1913.	1914.	1913.		
New York	\$2,158,172,055	\$2,038,159,176	\$26,988,630,788	\$27,373,492,265	- 1.4	
Chicago	332,383,182	308,162,405	4,579,764,223	4,462,425,325	+ 4.0	
St Louis	81,585,217	72,742,736	1,153,589,927	1,115,416,805	+ 3.4	
Total 3 c.r.cities	\$2,572,140,454	\$2,419,064,617	\$32,721,984,938	\$32,891,334,395	- 0.5	
Reserve cities:						
Baltimore	839,553,364	\$41,383,633	\$504,479,534	\$673,915,765	- 12.3	
Boston	191,773,344	186,687,044	2,276,220,849	2,440,644,992	- 7.1	
Cincinnati	26,978,500	23,388,150	391,177,905	376,035,150	+ 4.0	
Cleveland	34,209,711	19,402,503	332,052,414	335,444,774	+ 5.2	
Denver	8,334,013	11,032,200	117,135,278	129,553,993	- 9.6	
Detroit	25,407,296	17,686,913	372,284,552	331,608,900	+ 12.2	
Kan. City, Mo.	60,213,243	49,902,130	745,349,087	757,706,440	- 1.6	
Los Angeles	22,843,246	26,054,820	334,503,609	349,261,429	- 4.3	
Louisville	16,681,866	12,600,950	218,150,287	212,474,505	+ 2.7	
New Orleans	17,984,389	18,102,315	287,689,634	278,306,714	+ 3.4	
Philadelphia	191,211,973	183,963,515	2,307,836,270	2,334,756,117	- 1.2	
Pittsburgh	56,020,492	66,370,805	712,825,746	800,395,706	- 11.0	
St Paul	10,954,470	9,149,823	151,234,653	141,972,861	+ 6.5	
San Francisco	50,320,794	51,164,682	605,927,633	673,737,994	- 1.2	
Seattle	11,322,390	11,602,987	168,068,068	162,408,512	+ 3.5	
Tot. 15 res.cities	\$753,809,091	\$767,500,335	\$9,605,896,119	\$10,459,037,104	- 8.2	
Grand total	\$3,325,949,545	\$3,186,573,952	\$42,327,881,057	\$43,350,371,499	- 2.4	

### RECAPITULATION

The fourteenth week of this year compares with the fourteenth week of last year as follows:

Three central reserve cities	Increase \$153,075,837 or 6.3%
Fifteen reserve cities	Decrease 13,700,244 or 1.8%
Total eighteen cities, representing 89% of all reported clearings	Increase 139,375,593 or 4.4%
The elapsed fourteen weeks of this year compare with the corresponding fourteen weeks of last year as follows:	
Three central reserve cities	Decrease \$169,349,457 or 0.5%
Fifteen reserve cities	Decrease \$53,140,985 or 8.2%
Total eighteen cities, representing 89% of all reported clearings	Decrease 1,022,490,442 or 2.4%

## EUROPEAN BANKS LAST WEEK

### BANK OF ENGLAND

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Bullion	£39,014,628	£36,393,979	£35,997,439
Reserve	27,969,000	25,728,959	24,889,274
Note reserve	26,338,000	24,559,840	23,438,875
Reserve to liability	41 3/4%	41 1/2%	39 3/4%
Circulation	29,494,000	29,025,020	29,558,165
Public deposits	27,668,000	21,088,938	22,162,425
Other deposits	39,818,000	40,373,009	40,502,460
Government securities	11,151,689	13,032,727	14,281,566
Other securities	46,685,000	41,092,134	41,856,537
Discount rate	3%	5%	3 1/2%

### BANK OF FRANCE

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Frances.	Frances.	Frances.	
Gold	3,615,633,000	3,245,875,000	3,225,475,000
Silver	626,797,000	610,100,000	508,400,000
Circulation	5,950,394,000	5,850,605,405	5,510,669,365
General deposits	618,755,000	620,000,483	650,520,932
Bills discounted	1,654,461,000	1,949,953,599	1,463,089,275
Treasury deposits	157,530,000	141,036,152	124,491,334
Advances	739,568,000	713,154,601	676,480,664
Discount rate	3 1/2%	4%	3 1/2%

### BANK OF GERMANY

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Marks.	Marks.	Marks.	
Gold and silver	1,589,714,000	1,207,420,000	1,151,440,000
Loans and discounts	1,445,984,000	1,842,720,000	1,643,260,000
Circulation	1,427,681,000	2,224,740,000	2,099,480,000
Discount rate	4%	6%	5%

### BANK OF NETHERLANDS

Week ended March 21, 1914

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Dutch Guilders.	Dutch Guilders.	Dutch Guilders.	
Gold	159,956,386	161,577,870	145,677,344
Silver	9,572,500	9,680,526	13,476,633
Bills discounted	69,531,652	81,445,702	79,198,622
Advances	73,639,527	60,600,156	68,494,403
Circulation	301,012,120	297,994,530	285,672,195
Deposits	3,727,692	3,152,041	3,167,387
Discount rate	3 1/2%	4%	4%

### COURSE OF FOREIGN SECURITIES

Last Sale.	Range for 1914		Range for 1913	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Argentine 5s	95 1/2	98	95 1/2	99 1/2
British Consols	76%	77%	71 7-16	75%
Chinese Railway 5s	88%	90	88	92
French Rentes, 3 per cents.	87.00	88.47	85.12	89.90
German Imperial 3s.	77	78	75	77 1/2
Japanese 4 1/2s	88%	90%	88	90%
Republic of Cuba 5s	99%	100%	99	102%
Russian 4s, Series 2	87	89%	87	91 1/2
United States of Mexico 5s	84 1/4	85	84	95 1/2

## Clearing House Institutions

Actual Conditions Saturday Morning, April 4, with Changes from the Previous Week

Banks.	Trust Companies.	All Members.
\$1,509,276	\$603,254,000	\$1,589,000
+ \$22,193,000	+ \$81,589,000	\$2,112,530,000
Deposits, 1,555,089,000	+ 11,404,000	+ \$23,782,000
- 13,461,000	449,635,000	2,004,724,000
Cash ...	70,747,000	+ 29,407,000
235,46%	- 1.12%	- 0.37%
Surplus	3,151,750	- 16,312,000
	3,301,750	+ 4,427,550
		10,451,500 - 11,884,450

### Loans, Deposits, and Cash Compared

Loans.	Deposits.	Cash.	Loans.	Deposits.	Cash.
1914... \$1,502,183,000	\$1,551,758,000	\$400,210,000	1910... \$1,251,553,400	\$1,250,025,100	\$323,215,700
1913... 1,330,239,000	1,322,742,000	342,212,000	1909... 1,309,522,200	1,355,968,700	352,978,000
1912... 1,415,339,000	1,430,982,000	357,759,000	1908... 1,180,378,700	1,213,954,400	344,178,000
1911... 1,333,773,400	1,382,614,500	377,569,000	1907... 1,062,688,800	1,030,713,100	278,619,500

### MEMBERS OF CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

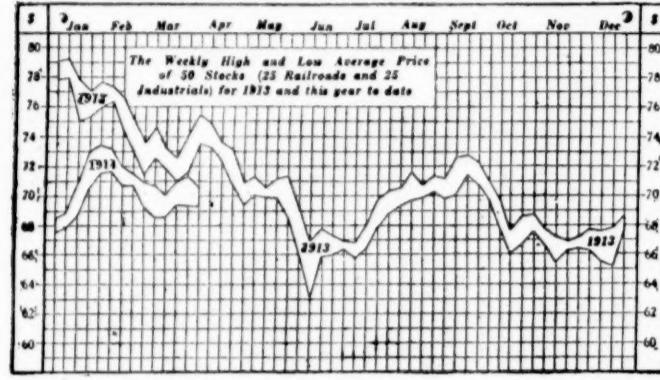
NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures

Capital and Net Profits.	Loans and Discounts.	Legal Deposits.	Legals and Specie.	Re-serves P. C.
\$6,325,400	\$22,200,000	\$20,553,000	\$5,438,000	26.5
Bank of N. Y., N. B. A. ....	6,964,600	40,650,000	48,125,000	12,968,000 26.8
Bank of Manh. Co. ....	4,180,000	22,146,000	22,894,000	5,967,000 26.0
Merchants' National Bank. ....	14,854,200	61,584,000	60,052,0	

## The Stock Market

A VERY slight gain in prices of stocks for the week was, notwithstanding its meagreness, an encouraging sign of a somewhat firmer spirit as to the outlook of things in general. The rate case and the arrangements for the Reserve Banking System were the things most discussed on the Exchanges and in banking houses. There was no special influence upon the market—it probably reflected pretty exactly only the prevailing general sentiment.

### The Course of the Market



### STOCK MARKET AVERAGES

The average quotations of twenty-five leading railroad and twenty-five industrial issues and of the two groups of stocks combined last week:

#### RAILROADS

	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	
Mar. 30..	79.48	79.02	79.43	+.26	Apr. 2..	80.51	80.04	80.20	+.04
Mar. 31..	80.16	79.50	79.90	+.47	Apr. 3..	80.19	79.68	79.73	—.47
Apr. 1..	80.38	79.87	80.16	+.26	Apr. 4..	79.88	79.67	79.85	+.12

#### INDUSTRIALS

	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	
Mar. 30..	60.26	59.81	60.11	+.08	Apr. 2..	60.81	60.57	60.69	+.03
Mar. 31..	60.81	60.15	60.51	+.40	Apr. 3..	60.79	60.38	60.41	—.28
Apr. 1..	60.86	60.49	60.66	+.15	Apr. 4..	60.20	60.02	60.15	—.03

#### COMBINED AVERAGE

	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	
Mar. 30..	69.87	69.41	69.77	+.17	Apr. 2..	70.66	70.30	70.41	+.03
Mar. 31..	70.48	69.82	70.20	+.43	Apr. 3..	70.37	69.91	69.95	—.49
Apr. 1..	70.62	70.18	70.41	+.21	Apr. 4..	70.04	69.84	70.00	+.05

#### YEARLY HIGHS AND LOWS

	Railroads.	Industrials.	Combined.
High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1914 (to date)..	84.9 Jan.	77.98 Mar.	61.7 Jan.
1913 .....	91.4 Jan.	75.3 June	67.1 Jan.
1912 .....	97.3 Oct.	88.4 Dec.	74.5 Sept.
1911 .....	99.6 Jan.	84.4 Sept.	60.7 Jan.

### RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS

Week Ended April 4, 1914.

#### STOCKS (Shares.)

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Monday .....	196,941	400,610	675,679
Tuesday .....	242,958	495,840	654,708
Wednesday .....	177,038	310,217	517,468
Thursday .....	210,626	417,195	801,001
Friday .....	195,554	684,000	.....
Saturday .....	64,853	221,816	503,700
Total week .....	1,087,970	2,529,678	3,152,556
Year to date .....	22,848,853	24,688,030	35,701,451

#### BONDS (Par Value.)

	1914.	1913.	1912.
Monday .....	\$1,947,500	\$1,839,000	\$3,332,500
Tuesday .....	2,624,500	2,292,500	3,091,000
Wednesday .....	3,082,500	2,615,500	2,918,000
Thursday .....	2,470,000	1,900,000	3,728,000
Friday .....	3,013,500	2,551,000	.....
Saturday .....	1,232,500	1,131,500	1,959,000
Total week .....	\$14,370,500	\$12,329,500	\$15,028,500
Year to date .....	229,151,500	153,193,000	248,616,000

In detail last week's transactions compare as follows with the corresponding week last year:

	March 28, '14.	March 29, '13.	Increase.
Railroad and miscel. stocks .....	1,087,118	2,529,570	*1,442,452
Bank stocks .....	252	108	144
Mining stocks .....	600	.....	600
Railroad and miscel. bonds .....	\$12,617,500	\$12,032,000	\$585,500
Government bonds .....	106,000	40,500	65,500
State bonds .....	1,151,000	65,000	1,086,000
City bonds .....	496,000	192,000	304,000
Total, all classes bonds .....	\$14,370,500	\$12,329,500	\$2,041,000

\*Decrease.

### FINANCIAL CHRONOLOGY

Monday, March 30.

Stock market firmer. St. Louis Southwestern reduces its quarterly dividend rate on the preferred stock from 1 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent. Money on call, 1%@2 per cent. Demand sterling, \$4.8630.

Tuesday, March 31.

Further rise in the stock market. Interstate Commerce Commission grants the railroads additional time for the presentation of their arguments in favor of higher rates and suspends until July 30 the new tariffs recently filed by the railroads withdrawing special allowances, which were complained of by the Commission in its recent tap-line decision. Reports that the Gould holdings in Missouri Pacific were likely to be acquired by the Rockefeller interests. Money on call, 1%@2. Demand sterling unchanged at \$4.8630.

Wednesday, April 1.

Stock market higher. Announcement of the sale on April 15 of \$65,000,000 New York City fifty-year 4% per cent. bonds. Money on call, 1%@2 per cent. Demand sterling declines 5 points, to \$4.8625.

Thursday, April 2.

Stock market steady. Denial of the injunction sought by the Equitable Life Assurance Society to prevent the Union Pacific's distribution of its Baltimore & Ohio holdings. Money on call, 1%@2 per cent. Demand sterling advances 20 points, to \$4.8645.

Friday, April 3.

Stock market reactionary. Announcement of the Federal Reserve Organization Committee's decision regarding the redistricting of the country for the purposes of the Federal reserve bank system. Money on call, 1%@2 per cent. Demand sterling advances 10 points, to \$4.8655.

Saturday, April 4.

Stock market firm. Bank statement shows decrease in actual surplus reserve of \$11,884,450.

### GOVERNMENT FINANCE

RECEIPTS. July 1 to March 31.

	1913-14.	1912-13.
Revenues:		
Customs .....	\$225,541,740.23	\$250,345,029.77
Internal revenue—		
Ordinary .....	233,763,806.05	231,175,441.44
Corporation tax .....	5,103,809.22	4,197,048.35
Miscellaneous .....	39,675,559.82	41,132,675.72
Total .....	504,084,915.32	526,850,195.28

Public Debt:

Proceeds of sales of bonds—	
Postal savings .....	2,246,700.00

Grand total of receipts..... \$506,331,615.32 \$528,780,035.28

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

	July 1 to March 31.
Ordinary:	
Pay warrants issued.....	\$515,326,379.50
Interest on the public debt.....	17,444,685.03
Total .....	\$532,771,064.53
Less unexpended balances repaid.....	1,435,542.07
Net ordinary disbursements.....	\$531,335,522.46
Excess of ordinary disbursements.....	\$27,250,607.14
Public Debt:	
Bonds, notes, and certificates retired.....	\$24,872.00
Panama Canal:	
Pay warrants issued.....	27,923,978.58
Grand total of disbursements.....	\$559,284,373.04
Net excess of all disbursements.....	\$52,952,757.72
*Excess of revenue receipts.	

#### Pay Warrants Drawn

	Total	Bonds	To Secure Deposits of Public Moneys.
Held	Held		
Total Amount			
Outstanding.			
Dep't. on			
Circulation.			
Kind of Bonds.			
Government—			
U. S. 3s of 1925 .....	\$118,489,900	\$38,172,000	\$34,365,300
U. S. 3s, 1908-18 .....	63,945,460	25,940,800	21,212,000
Panama 3s, 1961 .....	50,000,000	15,082,400	15,082,400
2% Consols, 1930 .....	646,250,150	617,015,950	603,275,600
Panama 2s, 1936 .....	54,631,980	54,116,360	52,832,860
Panama 2s, 1938 .....	30,000,000	29,491,640	28,917,640
Philippine 4s .....	16,000,000	5,788,000	5,788,000
Porto Rico 4s .....	5,225,000	2,075,000	2,075,000
Dist. of Col. 3.65s .....	6,939,150	958,000	958,000
Hawaiian issues .....	6,515,000	2,093,000	2,093,000
Phil. Ry. Co. 4s .....	8,551,000	918,000	918,000
Manila R.R. Co. 4s .....	7,735,000	10,000	10,000
State, County, City & oth. sec. var. ....	.....	21,456,774	21,456,774
Total .....	.....	\$813,117,924	\$740,603,400
On Mar. 25, 1914 .....	.....	\$814,660,086	\$740,547,850
On Mar. 17, 1914 .....	.....	821,174,498	740,766,800
On Mar. 10, 1914 .....	.....	826,291,109	740,

# New York Stock Exchange Transactions

Week Ended April 4

Total Sales 1,087,970 Shares

High and low prices for the week may be for odd lots; high and low prices for the year are based on 100-share lots, the official unit

For Year 1913— High.	Range Low.	For Year 1914— High.	Range Low.	STOCKS	Amount Stock Listed.	Last Dividend Paid Date.	Per Cent. Per Ind.	Range for Week Ended April 4 High. Low.	Week's Net Chances.	Sales Week Ended April 4	
150	110	108	Mar. 11	91	Feb. 20	ADAMS EXPRESS CO.....	\$12,000,000	Mar. 2, '14	1½ Q	99½ 97 99½ — ½	220
21%	18	24½	Apr. 4	20%	Jan. 9	Alaska Gold Mines.....	7,500,000	.....	24½ 22½ 24½ + 2½	15,000	
9	7%	14½	Feb. 20	8%	Jan. 6	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. pf.....	24,838,700	.....	45½ 45½ 45½ — 7%	200	
43	40	49	Jan. 26	43%	Jan. 8	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. pf.....	15,448,200	.....	45½ 45½ 45½ — 7%	72,600	
80%	61	78%	Feb. 4	70%	Jan. 9	Amalgamated Copper Co.....	158,887,900	Feb. 23, '14	1½ Q	77% 75½ 76% + 1	72,600
57	41%	59½	Mar. 19	47%	Jan. 2	Amer. Agricultural Chemical Co.....	18,330,900	Jan. 15, '14	1 Q	57% 56½ 56% + 5%	730
99	90	97½	Jan. 23	91	Jan. 8	Amer. Agricultural Chem. Co. pf.....	27,112,700	Jan. 15, '14	1½ Q	94½ 94½ 94½ — ½	240
50%	19%	28%	Jan. 22	20	Mar. 5	American Beet Sugar Co.....	15,000,000	Nov. 15, '12	1½ Q	23½ 22 22½ + 2½	700
86	65	73½	Jan. 26	68	Mar. 11	American Beet Sugar Co. pf.....	5,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	69½ 69½ 69½ — 2½	200
96%	89½	97½	Feb. 11	90	Jan. 9	Amer. Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.....	4,600,000	Mar. 31, '14	1½ Q	90 90 90 — 2½	200
136%	127%	146%	Feb. 20	129½	Jan. 12	Amer. Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. pf.....	5,000,000	Mar. 31, '14	2 Q	.. 141½ .. ..	200
46%	21	35%	Jan. 27	28%	Mar. 10	American Can Co.....	41,233,300	.....	30½ 28½ 29% + ½	13,670	
129%	80%	96	Jan. 24	80	Jan. 3	American Can Co. pf.....	41,233,300	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	93 91½ 92½ + 1	2,600
56%	36%	53½	Feb. 4	44½	Jan. 5	American Car & Foundry Co.....	30,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	51% 50% 50% + 5%	2,765
117	108	118	Mar. 9	114	Jan. 20	American Car & Foundry Co. pf.....	30,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	116 114½ 116 ..	90
48%	33%	36%	Jan. 26	36	Jan. 5	American Cities .....	16,264,700	.....	36 36 36 ..	100	
78½	60%	68	Jan. 26	60	Jan. 5	American Cities pf.....	20,535,500	Jan. 1, '14	3 SA	64½ 64½ 64½ — ½	200
87	80	86½	Mar. 24	84½	Mar. 18	American Coal Products.....	10,639,300	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	84½ 84½ 84½ ..	130
109%	105	106	Jan. 16	104	Mar. 19	American Coal Products pf.....	2,500,000	Jan. 15, '14	1½ Q	104½ 104½ 104½ + ½	100
57%	33½	46½	Feb. 9	37½	Jan. 8	American Cotton Oil Co.....	20,237,100	June 1, '11	2½ ..	43½ 42½ 42½ — ½	620
98	92½	97½	Mar. 30	94½	Jan. 15	American Cotton Oil Co. pf.....	10,198,600	Dec. 1, '13	3 SA	97½ 97½ 97½ + ½	100
166	95	110½	Jan. 24	100	Jan. 9	American Express Co.....	18,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	101½ 100% 100% — 1%	1,050
5½	3½	5½	Feb. 6	4½	Jan. 19	American Hide & Leather Co.....	11,274,100	.....	4½ 4½ 4½ + ½	200	
28%	15%	25%	Feb. 6	20½	Feb. 25	American Hide & Leather Co. pf.....	12,548,300	Aug. 15, '05	1 ..	23% .. ..	200
27%	17	32½	Feb. 20	24	Jan. 2	American Ice Securities Co.....	19,045,100	July 20, '07	1½ ..	31½ 30 30% + ½	3,100
12½	6%	11½	Jan. 23	10	Jan. 8	American Linseed Co.....	16,750,000	.....	11 11 11 ..	50	
33%	20	31½	Jan. 16	28	Mar. 11	American Linseed Co. pf.....	16,750,000	Sep. 1, '08	1½ ..	.. 30 ..	..
44%	27	37½	Jan. 31	31½	Jan. 2	American Locomotive Co.....	25,000,000	Aug. 26, '08	1½ ..	34½ 33½ 34 + ½	800
106%	94	102½	Mar. 25	96	Jan. 6	American Locomotive Co. pf.....	25,000,000	Jan. 21, '14	1½ Q	102 101½ 102 ..	70
13	5½	9½	Jan. 26	7	Jan. 13	American Malt Corporation.....	5,739,200	.....	.. 7½ .. ..	..	
61½	41½	50%	Jan. 24	42	Jan. 3	American Malt Corporation pf.....	8,828,900	Nov. 3, '13	2 SA	.. 50 ..	..
74%	58%	71½	Feb. 4	63½	Jan. 3	Amer. Smelting & Refining Co.....	50,000,000	Mar. 16, '14	1 Q	70% 68% 68% — ½	5,300
107	97	105	Jan. 27	98½	Jan. 3	Amer. Smelting & Refining Co. pf.....	50,000,000	Mar. 2, '14	1½ Q	102½ 101½ 102½ — ½	2,013
86	79½	85	Jan. 19	82	Mar. 12	Amer. Smelting Securities pf., B.....	30,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	85 85 85 ..	50
193	150	172	Jan. 31	160	Jan. 2	American Snuff Co.....	11,001,700	Apr. 1, '14	3 Q	161 160½ 160½ + ½	300
105	100	104	Feb. 20	99½	Jan. 9	American Snuff Co. pt., new.....	3,940,800	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	103 102 102 ..	..
40%	25	37½	Feb. 16	28	Jan. 6	American Steel Foundries .....	16,218,000	Mar. 31, '14	1½ Q	33½ 33 33 ..	200
118	99%	109%	Jan. 24	97	Mar. 12	American Sugar Refining Co.....	45,000,000	Apr. 2, '14	1½ Q	100% 98% 100% + 1%	1,500
116%	110%	113½	Jan. 7	107½	Mar. 31	American Sugar Refining Co. pf.....	45,000,000	Apr. 2, '14	1½ Q	110½ 107% 110½ + 1%	1,300
63%	59	59	Feb. 10	59	Feb. 10	American Telegraph & Cable Co.....	14,006,000	Mar. 1, '14	1½ Q	.. 59 ..	..
140	110	124½	Jan. 30	117½	Jan. 2	American Telephone & Tel. Co.....	344,648,600	Jan. 15, '14	2 Q	122½ 121½ 121% — ½	6,540
234%	200	256	Mar. 23	230%	Apr. 1	American Tobacco Co.....	40,242,400	Apr. 2, '14	5 Q	252% 230% 234% + 3%	3,100
106%	96	106½	Feb. 20	101½	Jan. 7	American Tobacco Co. pf., new.....	51,797,800	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	105½ 105½ 105% — ½	2,213
23%	15	20%	Jan. 28	13½	Mar. 4	American Woolen Co.....	20,000,000	.....	.. 16% ..	..	
82	74	83	Jan. 26	72½	Mar. 4	American Woolen Co. pf.....	40,000,000	Jan. 15, '14	1½ Q	76% 76% 76% + 1	600
32%	11%	17½	Jan. 23	13½	Feb. 16	American Writing Paper pf.....	12,500,000	Apr. 1, '13	1 ..	14 ..	..
41½	30%	38½	Feb. 3	33½	Jan. 9	Anaconda Copper Mining Co.....	108,312,500	Jan. 14, '14	75c ..	36½ 35½ 35½ + ½	6,450
120	22	29%	Jan. 8	15½	Apr. 3	Assets Realization Co.....	9,900,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 ..	15% 15% 15% — ½	100
43%	42½	43	Jan. 29	43	Jan. 29	Associated Oil Co.....	40,000,000	Oct. 15, '13	1½ Q	.. 43 ..	..
106%	90%	100%	Jan. 23	93½	Jan. 3	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.....	195,631,000	Mar. 2, '14	1½ Q	97% 96% 96% + ½	2,650
102%	96	101½	Feb. 9	97½	Jan. 13	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. pf.....	114,199,500	Feb. 2, '14	2½ SA	100% 100% 100% — ½	1,425
133%	112	126	Jan. 23	116	Jan. 3	Atlantic Coast Line.....	67,558,000	Jan. 10, '14	3½ SA	123% 122% 123% + 1%	300
53%	36%	52½	Mar. 5	38½	Jan. 7	BALDWIN LOCOMO. WORKS.....	20,000,000	Jan. 1, '14	1 SA	49½ 48% 48% — 1%	600
105%	100%	108½	Mar. 23	102½	Jan. 9	Baldwin Locomotive Works pf.....	20,000,000	Jan. 1, '14	3½ SA	108 108 ..	100
106%	90%	98%	Jan. 26	87½	Mar. 7	Baltimore & Ohio .....	152,314,800	Mar. 2, '14	3 SA	91½ 89% 89% ..	15,600
88	77½	83½	Jan. 29	77½	Jan. 6	Baltimore & Ohio pf.....	60,000,000	Mar. 2, '14	2 SA	81% 80½ 80½ — 1	388
1%	1	1½	Feb. 10	½	Mar. 24	Batopilas Mining .....	8,931,980	Dec. 31, '07	12½ ..	.. % ..	..
41½	25	44½	Mar. 11	29½	Jan. 2	Bethlehem Steel Corporation.....	14,862,000	.....	42 40% 41 ..	+ ½ 3,840	
74	62%	86	Mar. 11	68	Jan. 10	Bethlehem Steel Corporation pf.....	14,908,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	84% 83% 84% ..	600
92%	83%	94½	Mar. 6	87½	Jan. 3	Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.....	64,151,000	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	92% 91½ 92% + ½	10,635
137%	120	130	Jan. 24	121	Jan. 5	Brooklyn Union Gas.....	17,939,000	Apr. 2, '14	1½ Q	127½ 127% 127% + ½	300
8%	6½	8½	Feb. 2	7	Mar. 26	Brunswick T. & R. Securities Co.....	7,000,000	.....	.. 7 ..	..	
31	25	29	Jan. 27	26	Jan. 13	Butterick Co.....	14,647,200	Mar. 2, '14	3½ Q	27 27 27 ..	200
56%	16	30%	Feb. 6	18	Jan. 2	CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM.....	14,609,700	July 1, '13	1½ ..	27½ 26½ 27% + ½	700
86	45	68	Mar. 20	50%	Jan. 2	California Petroleum pf.....	12,281,500	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	67 65½ 67% + ½	400
63	58%	61½	Jan. 15	61½	Jan. 15	Canada Southern .....	15,000,000	Feb. 2, '14	1½ SA	.. 61½ ..	..
266%	204	220%	Feb. 4	203%	Mar. 13	Canadian Pacific.....	259,951,300	Mar. 1, '14	2½ Q	209 206% 206% + 1%	27,270
103%	90%	95%	Jan. 16	82	Feb. 19	Case (J. L.) Threshing Mach. pf.....	11,572,900	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	88 87 88 + ½	300
30%	17	36%	Mar. 23	25½	Jan. 14	Central Leather .....	39,592,800	Feb. 2, '14	2 Q	36% 34% 35% + ½	13,740
97%	88	101½	Mar. 4	94½	Jan. 6	Central Leather pf.....	33,279,200	Apr. 1, '14	1½ Q	100% 100	

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Range for Year 1913— Low.	Range for Year 1914— High. Date	Low. Date	STOCKS.	Amount Capital Stock Listed.	Last Dividend Paid Date.	Per Cent. Ad.	Range for Week Ended April 4 High. Low. Last.	Week's Net Changes.	Sales Week Ended April 4	
									High.	Low.
128	116 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	131 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 10	129 Jan. 20	GL Northern pf., sub. rec. full pd..	.....	.....	131 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....	.....	.....
41 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	23 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	39 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 19	33 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 3	Great Northern ctfs. for ore prop..	1,500,000	Nov. 25, '13	50c	36	35 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
52 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	40 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	57 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Apr. 2	44 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 8	Guggenheim Exploration.....	20,386,800	Apr. 1, '14	87 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> c Q	57 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	55 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
87	80	*84 Mar. 7	*82 Mar. 23	HAVANA ELECTRIC RY., L. & P.	15,000,000	Nov. 15, '13	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> SA	..	*82	.....
98	90	*96 Mar. 6	*92 Feb. 5	Havana Electric Ry., L. & P. pf..	15,000,000	Nov. 15, '13	3 SA	..	90	.....
180	150	165 Feb. 4	162 Apr. 4	Helme (G. W.) Co.....	4,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	162	162	- 3
113	109	115 Mar. 26	110 Jan. 13	Helme (G. W.) Co. pf.....	3,941,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	115	.....
125	125	127 Jan. 31	125 Jan. 24	Hocking Valley.....	11,000,000	Mar. 31, '14	2 Q	..	127	.....
120	100 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	120 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 14	116 Jan. 19	Homestead Mining.....	25,116,000	Mar. 25, '14	65c M	120 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	120 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	..
128 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	102 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	115 Jan. 26	107 Jan. 7	ILLINOIS CENTRAL.....	109,296,000	Mar. 2, '14	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> SA	111 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	110 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
19 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	13 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	18 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 24	15 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 2	Inspiration Consolidated Copper.....	14,459,100	.....	..	18 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	17 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
18 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	12 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	16 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 24	14 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 25	Interborough-Met. vot. tr. ctfs..	60,419,500	.....	..	15 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	14 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
65 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	45	63 Jan. 24	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 7	Interborough-Met. pf.....	16,935,500	.....	..	62 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	61 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
58	58	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 30	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 30	Inter-Met. pf., voting tr. ctfs..	28,781,100	.....	..	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	58 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
39	5	10 Jan. 24	4 Jan. 8	International Agricultural Co.....	7,520,000	.....	..	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
90	26	31 Jan. 26	25 Mar. 23	International Agricultural Co. pf..	12,955,600	Jan. 15, '13	3% ..	..	25	.....
111 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	96	113 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 22	100 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 3	International Harvester, N. J. ....	39,992,100	Jan. 15, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	106 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	104	- 1
116	111	118 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 4	113 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 3	International Harvester, N. J. pf..	29,992,800	Mar. 2, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	116	.....
110 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	95 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	112 Jan. 27	100 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 3	International Harvester Corp.....	39,991,300	Jan. 15, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	104 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	104	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
114 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	111	117 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 13	114 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 6	International Harvester Corp. pf..	29,990,400	Mar. 2, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	115 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
12 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 2	8 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 5	International Paper Co.....	17,142,900	.....	..	9	8 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
48 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	32 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	41 Jan. 31	35 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 10	International Paper Co. pf..	22,539,700	Jan. 15, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	36 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	36 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
18 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	19 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 20	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 9	International Steam Pump Co.....	17,702,500	Apr. 1, '05	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> ..	..	7	.....
70	15 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	29 Jan. 19	19 Jan. 2	International Steam Pump Co. pf..	11,370,000	Feb. 1, '13	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> ..	..	23 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
10 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 21	7 Jan. 17	Ironwood Central.....	8,531,000	.....	..	..	7	.....
78	53 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	71 Apr. 1	65 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 30	KAN. CITY, FIFTH SCOTT & MEML pf..	13,510,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 Q	71	70 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
28 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	21 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	27 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 31	21 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 5	Kansas City Southern.....	30,000,000	.....	..	25 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	24 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
61 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	56	62 Jan. 23	58 Jan. 12	Kansas City Southern pf..	21,000,000	Jan. 15, '14	1 Q	59	59	..
94	77	91 Mar. 14	80 Jan. 15	Knysen (Julius) & Co.....	6,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	86	.....
110	106 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	108 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Apr. 1	106 Mar. 12	Knysen (Julius) & Co. 1st pf..	2,750,000	Feb. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	108 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	108 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
83	58	105 Feb. 25	81 Jan. 6	Kresge (S. S.) Co.....	4,979,300	Jan. 2, '14	2	96	96	+ 1
102	97	105 Mar. 3	99 Jan. 13	Kresge (S. S.) Co. pf..	1,778,800	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	103 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
49 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	29 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	40 Jan. 26	34 Jan. 15	LACKAWANNA STEEL CO.....	34,978,000	Jan. 31, '13	1 ..	34 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	34 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
104 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	101 Feb. 4	96 Jan. 2	Laclede Gas Co.....	10,700,000	Mar. 16, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	96 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
11	7	9 Jan. 23	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 28	Lake Erie & Western.....	11,810,000	.....	..	..	6 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
35	16	21 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 28	17 Apr. 3	Lake Erie & Western pf..	11,810,000	Jan. 15, '08	1 ..	17	17	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
168 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	141 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	150 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 23	142 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 30	Lehigh Valley.....	60,501,700	Jan. 10, '14	5 SA	145 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	142 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
235	195	230 Mar. 7	219 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 5	Liggett & Myers.....	21,496,100	Apr. 1, '14	4 Ex	222	222	..
116 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	106 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	118 Mar. 18	111 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 6	Liggett & Myers pf..	15,163,900	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	117 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	117	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
43 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	30	36 Feb. 5	28 Jan. 15	Long Island.....	12,000,000	Nov. 1896	1 ..	..	35	.....
39 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	21	38 Jan. 26	31 Mar. 12	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.....	8,000,000	.....	..	34 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	33 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
105	89	105 Mar. 16	103 Feb. 26	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. 1st pf..	5,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	105	.....
95	84	95 Jan. 24	89 Feb. 21	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. 2d pf..	2,000,000	Feb. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	93	.....
200	150	178 Mar. 11	166 Jan. 20	Lorillard (P.J.) Co.....	15,155,600	Apr. 1, '14	17 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	166	166	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
116 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	103	115 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Mar. 14	110 Jan. 6	Lorillard (P.J.) Co. pf..	11,169,600	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	114	114	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
122 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	126 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	131 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 19	133 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 3	Louisville & Nashville.....	72,000,000	Feb. 10, '14	3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> SA	137 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	137 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
87	75 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	87 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 20	77 Jan. 12	MACKAY COMPANIES.....	41,380,400	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	83 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	83 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 3 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
69	62	70 Jan. 27	65 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 2	Mackay Companies pf..	50,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 Q	69 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	69 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
132 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	127	133 Feb. 7	128 Jan. 5	Manhattan Elevated gtd.....	56,820,700	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	131 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	131 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
76 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	65	89 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 17	57 Mar. 31	May Department Stores.....	15,000,000	Mar. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	61	60 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	- 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
105 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	97 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	101 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 9	100 Feb. 13	May Department Stores pf..	8,250,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	..	101 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	.....
48 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	28 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	53 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 27	24 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 9	Mercantile Marine.....	44,490,900	.....	..	11	10 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	+ 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
19 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	12 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	150 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 30	82 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 10	Mercantile Marine pf..	43,463,400	Aug. 30, '13	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Q	67 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	64	65 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>
78 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	41 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	75 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Feb. 19	46 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> Jan. 2	Mexican Petroleum.....	33,833,500	Oct. 20, '13	2 ..	76	76	- 4
56 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	69	87 Feb. 4	76 Mar. 18							

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High.	Low.	High.	Low.				Par. Cost.	Per. Ind.	High.		
171 $\frac{1}{2}$	151 $\frac{1}{2}$	172 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 22	161 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 9	Reading .....	70,000,000	Feb. 12, '14	2 Q	166 $\frac{1}{2}$ 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ 165 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 90,600
92 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	Mar. 19	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 8	Reading 1st pf.....	28,000,000	Mar. 12, '14	1 Q	88 88 88	- 1 620
95	84	93	Jan. 28	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 4	Reading 2d pf.....	42,000,000	Jan. 8, '14	1 Q	88 $\frac{1}{2}$ 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ 88 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 200
28 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	27	Jan. 27	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 5	Republic Iron & Steel Co. ....	27,352,000	.....	.....	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ 23 23 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 3,400
92 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 11	80	Jan. 2	Republic Iron & Steel Co. pf. ....	25,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	87 $\frac{1}{2}$ 86 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 900
24 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 23	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 4	Rock Island Co. ....	90,888,200	.....	.....	4% 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 4,100
44 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	Jan. 16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 3	Rock Island Co. pf. ....	49,947,400	Nov. 1, '05	1 ..	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 6,600
92 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	18	Jan. 14	9	Mar. 24	Rumely (M.) Co. ....	11,908,300	Mar. 3, '13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 10	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 900
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	33	41	Jan. 13	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 24	Rumely (M.) Co. pf. ....	9,750,000	Apr. 1, '13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..	29 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 700
19 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 15	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 19	ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO. ....	29,000,000	.....	.....	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 430
59	12	18	Jan. 23	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 1	St. Louis & San Francisco 1st pf. ....	5,000,000	May 1, '13	1 ..	12 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12	- 1 500
29	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 26	6	Mar. 19	St. Louis & San Francisco 2d pf. ....	16,000,000	Dec. 1, '05	1 ..	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 600
35 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	26	Jan. 26	20	Mar. 30	S.L. & S.F., C. & E.I. sc., Eq. Tr. Co. pf. ....	9,015,000	.....	.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..	.....
75	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 26	37	Jan. 8	St. Louis Southwestern. ....	16,356,200	.....	.....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 21 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{2}$ % 600
20 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 5	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 2	St. Louis Southwestern pf. ....	19,836,700	Jan. 15, '14	1 Q	.. 60	.....
49 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	58	Feb. 4	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 2	Seaboard Air Line. ....	33,363,200	.....	.....	20% 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 2,100
21 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 29	183	Jan. 3	Seaboard Air Line pf. ....	22,565,500	Feb. 16, '14	1 Q	55 $\frac{1}{2}$ 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ 55 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 2,650
124 $\frac{1}{2}$	116	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 5	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 19	Sears, Roebuck & Co. ....	40,000,000	Feb. 14, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	189 $\frac{1}{2}$ 180 $\frac{1}{2}$ 187 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 30 $\frac{1}{2}$
45 $\frac{1}{2}$	33	35	Jan. 25	27	Jan. 3	Sears, Roebuck & Co. pf. ....	8,000,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	124 ..	.....
93 $\frac{1}{2}$	88	92	Jan. 30	90	Jan. 16	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. ....	10,000,000	Sep. 1, '10	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ..	.....
110	83	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 23	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 3	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. pf. ....	6,700,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	92 ..	.....
..	..	11-16 Feb. 14	3-16 Mar. 30	..	..	Southern Pacific. ....	272,672,100	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	95 $\frac{1}{2}$ 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ 94 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 12,100
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 31	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 2	Southern Pacific rights. ....	.....	.....	15-64 16-64	1,800	
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 4	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 8	Southern Pacific tr. cffs. ....	5,775,300	.....	.....	102 $\frac{1}{2}$ 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ 102 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 200
28 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 4	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 3	Southern Railway extended. ....	119,900,000	.....	.....	90% 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ 90 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 127
81 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 4	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 5	Southern Railway pf. extended. ....	60,000,000	Oct. 30, '13	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ SA	81 $\frac{1}{2}$ 80 80	+ 2 700
40 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 24	32	Jan. 7	Standard Milling. ....	4,300,000	July 18, '13	2 ..	.. 30	.....
66 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	66	Mar. 19	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 19	Standard Milling pf. ....	6,900,000	Oct. 31, '13	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ SA	66 $\frac{1}{2}$ 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ 66 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 10
36	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 31	20	Jan. 3	Studebaker Co. ....	27,931,600	.....	.....	36 $\frac{1}{2}$ 32 34 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 10,700
93 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	87	Feb. 6	70	Jan. 5	Studebaker Co. pf. ....	12,650,000	Mar. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	86 $\frac{1}{2}$ 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ 85 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 700
39 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 11	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 9	TENNESSEE COPPER. ....	5,000,000	Mar. 20, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ 35	.....
122 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 5	128	Jan. 3	Texas Co. ....	30,000,000	Mar. 31, '14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	147 $\frac{1}{2}$ 145 $\frac{1}{2}$ 146	- 1 4,100
22 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apr. 1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 5	Texas Pacific. ....	38,760,000	.....	.....	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 3,900
97	93	99	Jan. 29	99	Jan. 29	Texas Pacific Land Trust. ....	3,670,000	.....	.....	.. 99	.....
43 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 13	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 29	Third Avenue. ....	16,463,000	.....	.....	44 $\frac{1}{2}$ 43 43 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ % 4,800
13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 24	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 24	Toledo, St. Louis & Western. ....	10,000,000	.....	.....	.. 98 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
29 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	Jan. 26	19	Jan. 3	Toledo, St. Louis & Western pf. ....	10,000,000	Oct. 16, '11	1 ..	20 18 18	.....
109	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	108 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 19	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 7	Twin City Rapid Transit. ....	20,100,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	.. 106	.....
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	78	88	Jan. 12	83	Mar. 30	UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER. ....	8,500,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 Q	84 83 83	- 1 300
113	104	111	Mar. 20	108	Jan. 16	Underwood Typewriter pf. ....	4,600,000	Apr. 1, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	.. 111	.....
7 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 12	Union Bag & Paper Co. ....	16,000,000	.....	.....	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ 68 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 1,440
41 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 3	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 30	Union Bag & Paper Co. pf. ....	11,000,000	Oct. 15, '12	1 ..	25 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25	.....
162 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	164 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 31	153 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 3	Union Pacific. ....	22,299,500	Apr. 1, '14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	160 $\frac{1}{2}$ 157 $\frac{1}{2}$ 159 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 71,500
93 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	Feb. 4	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 6	Union Pacific pf. ....	99,569,300	Apr. 1, '14	2 SA	82 $\frac{1}{2}$ 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 160
50 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 9	45	Jan. 7	United Cigar Manufacturers. ....	10,847,500	Feb. 1, '14	1 Q	50 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 50	+ 160
103	96	193 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 19	100 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 5	United Cigar Manufacturers pf. ....	5,000,000	Mar. 1, '14	1 Q	.. 100 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
101	87	91	Jan. 19	88	Apr. 3	United Dry Goods. ....	14,427,500	Jan. 31, '14	2 Q	89 88 89	- 2 200
105 $\frac{1}{2}$	95	100 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 19	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 30	United Dry Goods pf. ....	10,811,000	Feb. 28, '14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	94 $\frac{1}{2}$ 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ 94 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 130
35 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 6	19	Jan. 7	United Railways Investment Co. ....	20,400,000	.....	.....	20 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ 19 $\frac{1}{2}$	+ 500
63 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mar. 24	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 14	United Railways Investment Co. pf. ....	15,000,000	Jan. 10, '07	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Q	48 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ 47	+ 160
16 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 23	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 8	United States Cast Iron P. & Fdy. Co. ....	12,100,300	Dec. 1, '07	1 ..	.. 12	.....
56 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	49	Feb. 6	40	Jan. 8	United States Cast I. P. & Fdy					

# Week's Bond Trading

**Week Ended April 4**

Total Sales \$14,370,500 Par Value

R'ge for '13.		R'ge for '14.		High.		Low.		Last.		Sales.		R'ge for '13.		R'ge for '14.		High.		Low.		Last.		Sales.									
87%	83%	80%	73½	ADAMS EXPRESS	4s.....	77%	76%	77%	2	87	81%	87½	82%	Erie 1st con.	4s.....	85	84%	85	11	87	81%	87½	82%	11							
88%	83	86%	84½	Albany & Susq.	3½s.....	85%	84%	85%	85	82½	66	77%	72½	Erie 1st cv.	4s, Series A.....	75	74%	74%	9	77%	65	76	71%	Erie 1st cv.	4s, Series B.....	74	73%	74	74		
106%	102½	104½	103½	Alabama Midland	5s.....	104%	104%	104%	1	76	66%	76½	71%	Erie gen.	4s.....	75	74%	75	33	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
101%	94	102	97½	Am. Ag. Chemical	5s.....	100%	100%	100%	6	90	85%	92	89	Erie, Penn. col. tr.	4s.....	91	90%	91	13	93%	93	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%			
97½	95	99	96	Am. Cotton Oil	4½s.....	98%	98%	98%	1	101½	100%	104	94%	FLINT & P. M.	6s.....	95	94%	95	5	101½	100%	104	94%	95	5	101½	100%	104	94%	95	5
94%	89½	93½	89	Am. Cotton Oil	5s.....	93%	93	93%	2	96	87	90	75	Flint & P. M.	con. 6s.....	75	75	75	1	96	87	90	75	75	1	96	87	90	75	75	1
102½	98½	103	101	Am. Hide & Leather	6s.....	103	102%	103	11	119	117	121½	120	Fre., Elk. & Mo.	Val. 6s.....	121½	121%	121½	2	102½	98½	103	101	101	101	101	101	101	101		
80	70	89	78½	Am. Ice Securities	6s.....	87%	87%	87%	2	119	117	121½	120	Fre., Elk. & Mo.	Val. 6s.....	121½	121%	121½	2	80	70	89	78½	78½	78½	78½	78½	78½	78½		
105	101	105	103½	Am. Smelting Securities	6s.....	105	104%	104%	51%	105	103	107	106	Am. Smelting Securities	6s.....	107	106	107	1	105	101	105	103	103	103	103	103	103	103		
103%	89%	99%	94½	Am. T. & T. cv.	4½s.....	99%	98%	99%	426%	100%	96%	101	98	Am. T. & T. cv.	4½s.....	101	100	101	1	100%	96%	101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
110	89½	97½	94	Am. T. & T. conv.	4s.....	96%	96	96%	4	82	75%	80%	77	Gen. ELECTRIC	3½s.....	78%	78%	78%	3	82	75%	80%	77	78%	78%	78%	78%	78%	3		
90	83½	89%	85	Am. T. & T. col.	4s.....	89%	88%	89%	72	105½	101	105½	103	Gen. Electric deb.	5s.....	104	103%	104	12	90	83½	89%	85	88%	89%	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	
70%	70%	78	68	Am. Writing Paper	5s.....	70	69%	69%	3	100	97%	101½	98½	General Motors	6s.....	101½	101	101	190	70%	70%	78	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	190	
79%	70	74	65	Ann Arbor	4s.....	65	65	65	2	..	..	101	101	Gila Valley, G. & N.	5s.....	101	101	101	1	79%	70	74	65	65	65	65	65	65	65		
92	89	93	89½	Armour	4½s.....	92%	92%	92%	66	100%	96%	101	100	Green Bay deb.	B.....	11½	11½	11½	4	92	89	93	89½	89½	89½	89½	89½	89½	4		
98½	91%	96	93	Am. T. & S. F. gen.	4s.....	95%	95%	95%	113½	100%	96%	101	100	Great Northern ref.	4½s.....	100%	100%	100%	10	98½	91%	96	93	93	93	93	93	93	10		
103%	92	99	94½	Am. T. & S. F. con.	4s, 1906	97%	97	97%	4	95½	85	91½	89	Gulf & Ship Island	5s.....	90	90	90	1	95½	85	91½	89	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	1		
105½	92½	100	94	Am. T. & S. F. cv.	4s, 1955	97%	96%	96%	11	..	..	105½	99%	Granby Con.	cv. 6s.....	Ser. A.	105½	104	105	28	105½	99%	100	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	
88%	83	88½	84	Am. T. & S. F. adj.	4s, stpd.	87%	87%	87%	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
88	83	88½	84½	Am. T. & S. F. adj.	4s, stpd.	88	87%	88	18	101½	96	101	97	HOCKING VALLEY	4½s.....	100	100	100	20	88	83	88½	84	84	84	84	84	84	84		
105%	98	102½	90½	Am. T. & S. F. cv.	5s.....	102%	102%	102%	1	..	..	..	..	H. & Man.	Ist & ref. 5s, Ser. A.	84	83	84	45½	105%	98%	102½	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½		
100%	94½	98½	97½	Am. T. & S. F. & A.	4s	98	98	98	3	..	..	39	33	Hudson & Manh.	adj. inc. 5s.	33½	33	33	31	100%	94½	98½	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½		
92	85½	91½	86½	Am. T. & S. F. T. S. L.	4s.....	90%	90%	90%	5	101½	98	101½	98	Illinois Steel	5s.....	101½	101	101	101½	101½	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101		
88	82	85½	84	Atlanta & Birmingham	4s.....	85%	84	84	6	96	88½	94	89½	89	Illinois Steel	4½s.....	89	88%	89	40	96	88½	94	89½	89	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	40
95½	87	95	91	Atlantic Coast Lime	4s.....	94	93½	94	16	80½	81½	80	82	International	Paper con.	5s.....	78	78	78	12	95½	87	95	91	91	91	91	91	91	12	
92½	85½	95	87	At. Coast Line, L. & N. col.	4s.....	92%	92	92%	15	101½	98	101½	98	Inspiration Copper	6s.....	101½	101	101	134	92½	85½	95	87	87	87	87	87	87	134		
91½	88	92½	90	BALT. & OHIO pr. lien	3½s.....	91½	91%	91½	56	81½	71½	79½	75½	Interborough-Met.	4½s.....	76%	75½	76	348	91½	88	92½	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	348	
97½	80½	96	91	BALT. & Ohio gold	4s.....	94%	93%	94%	88	98%	98	99½	98	Int. R. T.	Ist and ref. 5s,	99	98%	98%	53	97½	80½	96	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	53	
97½	88½	94½	90½	BALT. & Ohio	cv. 4½s.....	92½	91½	91½	173½	105	100	103	101	International	Paper con.	5s.....	78	78	78	12	97½	88½	94½	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½	12	
90½	87½	91½	91	BALT. & Ohio gold	4s, reg.	93½	93½	93½	4	91½	80	84½	84	KANAWHA & MICH.	2d 5s	98½	98½	98½	2	90½	87½	91½	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	2	
91½	88½	94½	91	BALT. & Ohio	cv. 4½s.....	92½	91½	91½	173½	105	101	102½	101½	Kan. City, Ft. S. & M.	4s.....	76½	76½	76½	44	91½	88½	94½	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	44	
90½	87½	91½	91	BALT. & Ohio	cv. 4½s.....	92½	91½	91½	173½	105	101	102½	101½	Kan. City, Ft. S. & M.	6s.....	112½	111½	111½	12	90½	87½	91½	91	91	91	91	91	91	12		
90½	85½	93½	91	BALT. & Ohio	cv. 4½s.....	92½	91½	91½	173½	105	101	102½	101½	Kansas City Southern	5s.....	97½	96½	96½	23	90½	85½	93½	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	23	
101½	98½	103	101½	BROOKLYN	Union Elev.	5s.....	101½	101½	101½	3	96½	90	95½	93½	Kansas City Terminal	4s.....	94½	94½	94½	3	101½	98½	103	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½	3	
101½	98½	103	101½	BROOKLYN	Unl. Elec.	5s.....	101½	101½	101½	17	110	107	111½	111½	Kings Co. ELL. H. & P. p.m. 6s.....	111½	111½	111½	8	101½	98½	103	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½	8		
100½	101½	106	102½	BROOKLYN	Unl. Gas	5s.....	106	105%	106%	100%	100%	102½	102	MILL.																	

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R'ge for '13.				R'ge for '14.				R'ge for '13.				R'ge for '14.				
High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	Last.	Sales.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	Last.	Sales.	High.	Low.	
<b>109</b>	<b>103½</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105½</b>	Oregon Short Line con. 5s...108	108	108	1	<b>102</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>103½</b>	<b>90%</b>	U. S. Steel 5s.....	103½	103	330	
112½	108½	110½	109½	Oregon Short Line 1st 6s...110½	110½	110½	6	102½	97%	103½	100%	U. S. Steel 5s, reg.....	103½	103	3	
91½	86	92	89	Oregon-Washington 4s ...91½	90%	91	6	98%	96	100	97½	VIRGINIAN RY. 1st 5s...99%	99½	99½	42½	
101½	98	103½	99½	PACIFIC COAST 1st 5s...101	101	101	2	98	90%	98	91½	Va.-Car. chemical 1st 5s...96	95%	95%	35	
<b>101</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99½</b>	<b>96</b>	Pacific Tel. & Tel. 5s.....	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>92½</b>	Va. Iron, Coal & Coke 5s...93	93	93	1	
96%	92½	95	93	Penn. gtd. gold 4s.....	95	95	1	108%	102½	105	103½	Virginia & Southw'n 1st 5s...104	104	104	1	
97½	95%	99½	97½	Penn. 3½s, 1915.....	99	98%	90	81	95%	89½	92½	90½	Virginia & Southw'n con. 5s...92½	92½	92½	3
<b>104</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101½</b>	<b>100</b>	Penn. gtd. 4½s.....	<b>101½</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93½</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>92½</b>	Va. Ry. & Power 5s.....	<b>92½</b>	<b>92½</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>102½</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>	Penn. 4s, 1948.....	<b>101½</b>	<b>101½</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>106½</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>101½</b>	WABASH 1st 5s.....	<b>103%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>102</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	People's Gas of Chi. ref. 5s...100%	100%	11	1	99½	92½	100	94	Wabash 2d 5s.....	97	97	7	
<b>116½</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>115½</b>	<b>114</b>	People's Gas of Chi. con. 6s...115%	115%	115%	5	94%	46½	61½	50½	Wabash ref. 4s.....	58½	55	33	
<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>75</b>	Pearl & East. 1st 4s.....	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	51½	43½	57½	46	Wab. ref. 4s, Eq. tr. r. sta. 54	51	53	235	
<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>96½</b>	Philadelphia Co. cv. 5s...1922	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>6</b>	51	47½	56½	50½	Wab. ref. 4s, Cen. tr. r. sta. 53	53	53	2	
87½	85	88	81	Pocahontas Con. col. 5s...88	88	88	5	27½	10	13½	9½	W. P. Term. 1st 4s, Cent. tr. 10	9¾	9¾	41	
83½	81½	85	58	Providence Sec. deb. 4s...58	58	58	10	3	½	½	½	W. P. Term. 2d 4s, tr. r. ....	½	½	1	
93	88	91	88½	Public Service 5s.....	90%	90%	34	162%	99%	102%	100%	Western Electric 5s.....	101½	101½	25	
98%	95%	98%	97	R.Y. STEEL SP., Latrobe 5s...97%	97%	97%	2	83%	75	80	75½	Western Maryland 4s.....	75%	75%	1	
89	89	92½	91	R.Y. Steel Sp., Int.-Oc. 5s...92½	92½	92½	2	107%	103	105	105%	W. N. Y. & Penn. 1st 5s...104½	104½	104½	10	
<b>121</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>117½</b>	<b>107½</b>	Ray. Con. Copper 1st 6s...116%	<b>115</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>80</b>	102½	95	98½	93	Western Union col. tr. 5s...97½	97½	97½	10	
97½	90%	95½	92%	Reading gen. 4s.....	95%	95½	83	97	94½	98	96½	Westingh. E. & M. 5% notes	98	98	1	
96%	91½	96	93½	Reading-J. C. col. 4s.....	94%	94½	5	94	87	95%	89½	Westingh. E. & M. cv. 5s...95½	94½	95½	107	
92%	88½	94	91	Rep. I. & S. 5s, 1940.....	94	93½	34	98½	90	95	91½	West Shore 4s.....	94	93½	10	
103½	100	101	100%	Richmond & Dan. cons. 6s...101	101	101	1	97½	89	92½	89½	West Shore 4s, reg.....	91½	90%	91½	6
85%	78	84	79	Rio Grande West. 1st 4s...83	83	83	5	80%	70	80	75	Wheel & Lake Erie con. 4s...77	77	77	3	
106½	102	104½	102½	Rome, Watertown & Og. 5s...104½	104½	104½	2	101½	99	92½	91	Wheel & Lake Erie ext. 5s...92½	92½	92½	2	
91½	92	94	84	Rome, Watertown & Og. 5s...104½	104½	104½	2	91½	84	89½	85½	Wisconsin Central gen. 4s...87½	87½	87½	4	
106	100	105	101	ST. LOUIS, I. M. & gen. 5s...103	102½	103	11	Total sales .....				\$12,617,500				
82%	74	82	76	St. Louis, I. M. & S. ref. 4s...78	78%	78%	5	United States Government Bonds								
83½	76½	81½	75	St. L., I. M. & S. R. & G. 4s...77	76½	77	3	114%	109%	112½	111½	Four, registered .....	112	112	39	
76%	65	78½	71	St. L. & S. F. R. R. ref. 4s...77	75%	77%	123	103%	101%	102%	101½	Threes, coupon .....	101½	101½	3½	
82%	50%	54	48	St. L. & S. F. R. R. gen. 5s...50	49	50	6	Total sales .....				\$39,500				
75	72½	79½	73½	St. L. & S. F. R. R. con. 4s...78½	78½	78½	1	Foreign Government Bonds								
59	52	55%	48	St. L. & S. F. R. R. g. 5s, t. r. 49	48	48	13	90%	83½	84	85	Argentine 5s .....	96½	95½	3	
90	83½	88	84½	St. L. Southwestern 1st 4s...86	86	86	4	89%	83½	83½	83½	City of Tokio 5s.....	87½	87½	1	
81	75	77½	73	St. L. Southwestern con. 4s...73½	73½	73½	2	89%	82½	89½	88½	Japanese 4½s .....	84½	88½	33	
124½	118½	121½	121½	St. P. M. & M. Mon. C. 6s...121½	121½	121½	1	102%	99½	100%	99½	Japanese 5s, 2d series.....	86½	86½	22½	
96%	92	93	92	St. P. M. & M. Mont. ext. 4s, reg. 95½	95½	95½	3	90%	95	98	95½	Japanese 5s, 2d series .....	96½	95½	3	
94½	94½	94½	94½	St. P. M. & M. Mont. ext. 4s, reg. 94½	94½	94½	1	90%	84	90	85	Japan. 5s .....	87½	87½	1	
85½	75	84	77	San Antonio & A. Pass 4s.....	82½	82½	11	80%	83½	84	85	City of Tokyo 5s .....	87½	87½	1	
95%	93½	95½	93½	Scalco Valley & N. E. 4s...93½	93	93	7	90%	83½	83½	83½	Japanese 4½s .....	84½	88½	33	
86	79½	85½	83½	Seab. Air Line gtd. 4s, spd. 85½	85½	85½	2	89%	82½	89½	86½	Japanese 5s, 2d series .....	87	86½	22½	
79	72½	78½	74½	Seaboard Air Line ref. 4s...76½	75½	75½	9	102%	99½	100%	99	Japanese 5s .....	96½	96½	4	
77½	66%	80	77	Seaboard Air Line adj. 5s...76½	76½	76½	27	97%	91½	98	97½	Republic of Cuba 5s .....	97½	97½	18	
101	96%	100	97½	Southern Bell Tel. 5s...98%	98%	98%	17	Total sales .....				\$66,500				
101	98%	102	101	So. Carolina & Ga. 1st 5s...101	101	101	8	State Bonds								
93%	84	92	86½	Southern Pacific ev. 4s.....	87%	86½	291	101½	97%	101½	101½	N. Y. State 4s, 1962 .....	101½	101½	2	
94%	87	93	89½	Southern Pacific ref. 4s...93%	92%	93	215	101%	97	101½	101½	N. Y. Canal 4s, 1961 .....	101½	101½	13	
98	87½	94	90	Southern Pacific col. 4s...91	91%	91	25	101%	97	101½	101½	N. Y. Canal 4s, 1961, reg. ....	101%	101%	4	
107½	101	105½	102½	Southern Ry. 1st 5s...105	105%	105	63	98%	98	101½	101½	N. Y. Canal 4s, 1961 .....	101%	101%	4	
78%	72½	76½	73	Southern Ry. gen. 4s.....	74½	74½	85	...	109%	107½	107½	N. Y. State 4½s .....	109½	109½	1,028	
89½	83%	89½	84½	Standard Milling 1st 5s...89½	89½	89½	9	59½	42	60	54	Va. def. 6s, B. B. & Co. et al. 54%	54	54	18	
103	96	103½	97½	TENN. C. & IRON gen. 5s...103	103	103	6	Total sales .....				\$1,151,000				
102	100%	101	101	Tenn. C. & I. Tenn. Div. 6s...102½	102	102	2	New York City Issues								
89%	88	95%	85½	Term Ass'n of St. L. ref. 4s...89%	89%	89%	1	101%	97%	101½	101½	N. Y. State 4s, 1960 .....	101½	101½	163	
101½	94%	106	100%	Texas Pacific con. 6s...105	104	104	72	95%	90%	97½	95%	100% 4½s, 1963 .....	106%	106%	182	
107½	99	104	99½	Texas Pacific 1st 5s...101	101	101	6	105%	99%	106%	103%	100% 4½s, 1963 .....	106%	106%	1	
82%	77½	8														

# Transactions on Other Markets

Below Will Be Found Transactions and High, Low and Final Prices Reported Last Week on Various Markets Elsewhere Than in New York. For Mining Stocks and Public Utilities See Under Those Classifications

## Industrials, Miscellaneous, Etc.

Name.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.	Name.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.						
AMAL OIL	Los Angeles	25	81	80½	80½	Grasselli Chem. pf.	Cleveland	30	110	110	110	TOOKE BROS.	Montreal	30	80	80	80
Am. Agr. Chemical	Boston	317	574	55	56½	Great Lakes Towing pf.	Cleve.	5	87	87	87	*Torrington	Boston	127	30½	30	30½
Am. Agr. Chem. pf.	Boston	288	85½	83½	85	HARBISON-WALKER	Pitts.	50	51½	51½	51½	Tuckett	Montreal	5	39½	39½	39½
American Can	Chicago	200	285	282	290	Hart, S. & M. pf.	Chicago	85	99	99	99	Tuckett	Toronto	5	30½	30½	30½
Am. Graphophone	Washn.	5	70	70	70	Hamilton Brown Shoe	St. L.	140	103	103	103	UNION CARBIDE	Chicago	2,163	155½	150	153½
Am. Milling	Phila.	50	1	15-16	1	Hawaiian C. & S. San Fran.	\$1,000	100	22½	22½	Union Oil	Los Angeles	185	75	74	74½	
Am. Pneu. Service	Boston	22	3	3	3	Hillcrest Collier	Montreal	50	43	43	43	Union Sand	St. Louis	5	78½	78	78
Am. Pneu. Service pf.	Boston	193	18½	18	18½	Hillcrest Collier pf.	Montreal	80	86½	86½	86½	Union Sugar	San Fran.	50	12½	12½	12½
Am. Radiator	Chicago	10	40	40	40	Houston Oil ctfs.	Baltimore	100	15½	15	15	Union Prov Oil	Los Angeles	40	75	75	75
Am. Radiator pf.	Chicago	15	130	130	130	Houston Oil ctfs. pf.	Baltimore	15	50½	50½	50½	United Fruit	Boston	1,116	164	158	162½
Am. Rolling M.	Cincinnati	68	168½	167½	168½	Int. Harvester	N. J. Chicago	235	106	104½	104½	United Oil	Los Angeles	23,000	.21½	.20	.20
Am. Rolling M. pf.	Cincinnati	10	117½	117½	117½	Int. Lake S. S.	Cleveland	60	102	101½	102	United Shoe Mach.	Boston	1,790	50½	54	53½
Am. Sewer Pipe	Pittsburgh	535	21	20½	20½	Int. Shoe	St. Louis	4	93½	93½	93½	United Shoe Mach. pf.	Boston	1,253	28½	28	28½
Am. Shipbuilding pf.	Cleve.	5	80	80	80	Int. Shoe pf.	St. Louis	12	106	105	106	U. S. Printing	Cincinnati	4	73½	74½	74½
American Sugar	Boston	854	100½	99½	100	Ind. Brewing Ists.	St. Louis	45	31½	30½	31½	U. S. Steel	Montreal	6,800	64½	62½	63½
American Sugar pf.	Boston	1,000	110½	108	110½	JOHNSTON PAINT	pf.Cincin.	55	100	100	100	U. S. Steel	Philadelphia	23,876	64½	62½	63½
Am. Window Glass pf.	Pitts.	85	96	95	95	Jestyn Schmidt pf.	Cincin.	40	108½	108½	108½	U. S. Steel pf.	Philadelphia	25	110	110	110
American Woolen pf.	Boston	313	77	75	76	K. C. BREW. pf.	Cleveland	25	14½	14½	14½	U. S. Steel pf.	Boston	384	110½	109½	110½
Ames-Holden	Montreal	120	12½	12	12½	K. C. Brew. Co.	Cleveland	\$2,000	60	60	60	WAYAGAMACK	Montreal	154	30	29	30
Ames-Holden pf.	Montreal	55	64	63	64	Kroger 1st pf.	Cincinnati	5	114	114	114	Wayagamack bd.	Montreal	812,100	78	77	78
Ames-Holden Honds	Montreal	30,500	38	37½	37½	LA BELLE IRON	Pitts.	125	41½	39½	39½	Welsbach	Philadelphia	2	35	35	35
Amoskeag com.	Boston	37	65	63	63	Lake of Woods pf.	Montreal	12	12½	12½	12½	Welsbach 5s.	Philadelphia	\$11,000	88	88	88
Amoskeag pf.	Boston	37	100	99	100	La Belle Iron	Pitts.	12	13½	13½	13½	*Westinghouse A. B.	Phila.	668	130	127	127½
Arundel Land & G. Co.	Ualt.	\$1,000	100½	100½	100½	Lake of Woods	Montreal	125	41½	39½	39½	*West. Elec. & Mfg.	Pitts.	1,168	37½	37	37
Ass'd Oil	Los Angeles	80	41½	41	41½	Launton Monotype	Wash.	5	84½	84½	84½	Westinghouse Mach.	Pitts.	90	22	22	22
Ass'd Oil	San Francisco	125	41½	41	41	Laurentide Paper	Montreal	1,443	190½	184	187½	Westinghouse Elec. pf.	Pitts.	60	59½	59½	59½
Ass'd Oil 5s.	Los Angeles	85,000	97½	97½	96½	Laurentide Paper, new	Mont.	16	182	182	182	Westmoreland Coal	Phila.	122	60½	60	60½
Atl. C. W. I.	Boston	10	7	7	7	Lehigh Coal & Nav.	Phila.	13	81½	81	81	Wayland Oil	Baltimore	7,936	6½	6	6½
Atl. G. & W. I. 3s.	Boston	\$15,000	60½	60	60	Lehigh Coal & N. pf.	Phila.	113	81½	81½	81½	W. S. & M. pf.	Cleveland	13	98½	98½	98½
Atl. G. & W. I. pf.	Boston	40	15½	15	15	Litt Bros	Phila.	400	18	18	18	*Ex dividend.					
BALDWIN LOCO. com.	Phila.	300	49½	49	49	Los Angeles Ath. Club	Los A.	45	7½	7½	7½	Banks Etc.,					
Baldwin Loco. pf.	Phila.	45	100	100	100	Los Angeles Inv. Co.	Los A.	3,300	.92	.88	.90						
Baldwin Loco. 1st 5s.	Phila.	\$6,000	104½	104½	104½	MAC DONALD	Montreal	265	15	12½	14						
Barcelona	Toronto	460	30½	27½	29½	Mac Donald	Montreal	150	16	13½	13½						
Brew. Ass'n 6s.	St. Louis	\$8,000	100½	100½	100½	McGrawin pf.	Boston	138	101½	101	101						
B. C. Packers	Montreal	100	139	138½	139	Maple Leaf	Toronto	302	44	42	43						
B. C. Packers	Toronto	25	138½	138½	138½	Maple Leaf pf.	Toronto	154	90½	96	96						
Burt, F. & N. pf.	Toronto	14	96	96	16	Maricopa Nor. Oil	Los A.	27,000	.07	.06	.06						
CAL MIDWAY OIL	Los An.	2,000	.61	.61	.61	Merchants & Miners	Balt.	100	30	30	30						
Cambridge Steel	Phila.	273	49½	49½	49½	Mergenthaler	Boston	26	21½	21	21½						
Canadian Bread	Toronto	67	29	27½	28½	Mergenthaler	Washington	27	21½	21	21½						
Canadian Bread pf.	Toronto	217	90½	90	90	Mexican Petro.	Phila.	100	67	67	67						
Canadian Bread bds.	Toronto	30,000	95	94½	95	Monarch pf.	Boston	27	85	84	84						
Canadian Bread	Montreal	40	62½	62	62	Montreal Cotton	Montreal	7	55	55	55						
Canada Car	Montreal	40	62½	62	62	Montreal Cotton pf.	Montreal	19	100½	100	100½						
Canada Car pf.	Montreal	5	104	104	104	Montgomery Ward pf.	Chicago	60	113½	113	113						
Canada Cement	Montreal	982	31	30	30	Monon River Coal Co.	Pitts.	\$8,100	115½	115½	115½						
Canada Cement pf.	Montreal	267	91½	90½	91½	NATIONAL BRICK	Montreal	5	50	50	50						
Canada Cement bds.	Montreal	36,000	18	17	19	National Candy	St. Louis	35	9½	9	9½						
Canada Cement pf.	Montreal	5	91	91	91	National Candy 2d pf.	St. L.	30	8½	8½	8½						
Canada Coal & Coke	Montreal	110	5	4	5	National Carbon	Boston	14	110	110	110						
Canada Cotton pf.	Montreal	65	76	75	75	National Fireproof	Pitts.	4,822	8½	7½	8½						
Canada Gas pf.	Montreal	5	104	104	104	National Fireproof pf.	Pitts.	315	26½	26½	26½						
Canada Gen. Elec.	Toronto	62	100½	100	100½	Nat. Pac. Oil	Oil. Los Angeles	18,500	.024	.024	.024						
Canada Gen. Elec.	Toronto	2,000	99½	99½	99½	N. E. Cotton	Boston	35	24	24	24						
Canada Loco.	Toronto	4	42	42	42	Neuralgylene	Cleveland	54	19½	19½	19½						
Canada Loco. pf.	To:onto	18	87	86½	87	Nova Scotia Steel	Montreal	979	75	73	74						
Canada Rubber bd.	Montreal	\$2,000	95	92	92	Nova Scio. St. pf.	Montreal	19	120	120	120						
Caney River Gas	Pitts.	45	24	24	24	Nova Scio. St. Bond.	Montreal	\$2,500	80	88½	89						
Champ. Coated Pap.	C. Cin.	10	104½	104½	104½	OGLIVIE MILL	Montreal	51	119	119	119						
Chem. Boldt Glass pf.	C. Cin.	3	107	107	107	Ohio Fuel Oil	Pittsburgh	20	115	113½	113½						
Chicago Pneu. Tool	Chicago	115	57½	57	57	Ohio Fuel Oil	Pittsburgh	684	15	14½	14½						
Chicago Pneu. Tool	Chicago	\$5,000	95½	94½	94½	Ohio Fuel Supply	Pittsburgh	140	43½	43	43						
Chicago Ry. Equip.	St. Louis	25	85½	84½	84½	Oklahoma Gas	Pittsburgh	190	60½	60	60						
Cln. Union Stock Yard	Cln.	19	94½	94	94½	Orpheum Theatre	San Fran.	100	21½	21½	21½						
City Dairy pf.	Toronto	3	101½	101½	101½	Penn. Salt Mfg.	Philadelphia	23	105½	105	105						
Columbus Dental pf.	Colum.	7	115½	115½	115½	Penn. Steel pf.											

# Latest Earnings of Important Railroads

Below are shown the earnings of important railroads according to the latest reports published. The net earnings are in some cases the figure resulting from the

deduction of expenses alone from gross receipts, in others it is the amount remaining after taxes have been paid and car settlements made with other railroads. As

each railroad reports its net in the same way from month to month, these figures, published currently, are the best guide for those interested.

## February Gross and Net Earnings.

February Compared with Same Month in 1913

### Gross

Amount.	Change.	Amount.	Change.
\$3,235,247	— \$125,204	\$970,212	— \$250,202
7,885,040	— 1,162,264	2,370,263	— 534,422
6,336,317	— 1,026,553	1,149,416	— 452,988
744,606	— 58,818	151,613	— 86,251
1,324,600	— 74,100	238,600	— 29,950
7,594,172	— 2,153,513	1,471,576	— 1,048,493
1,150,109	+ 59,755	277,044	+ 53,131
2,479,827	— 398,944	482,969	— 338,737
1,001,081	— 69,526	195,728	— 71,563
6,226,499	— 432,197	1,556,670	— 240,536
6,144,423	— 419,969	1,314,426	— 117,665
1,278,832	+ 28,778	289,634	+ 31,747
943,521	— 206,601	213,218	— 73,142
2,512,256	— 383,755	715,366	— 386,645
1,515,815	— 191,841	330,444	— 149,121
3,990,169	— 616,714	215,034	— 755,861
4,973,153	— 186,116	740,335	— 246,950
837,559	+ 31,281	265,062	— 9,232
2,312,385	— 758,944	319,077	— 564,896
4,410,841	— 386,978	961,260	— 180,944
2,321,960	— 187,200	498,322	— 87,526
6,307,879	— 740,878	689,931	— 741,643
18,923,280	— 3,393,102	1,912,729	— 3,342,840
4,500,198	— 453,356	778,381	— 344,780
4,221,760	— 389,560	1,276,655	— 98,273
12,043,179	— 1,675,263	964,445	— 1,351,047
24,310,209	— 3,611,164	845,268	— 2,510,128
3,295,109	— 745,764	847,066	— 651,124
.....	.....	1,104,441	— 874,178
4,718,488	— 477,956	765,830	— 217,327
2,153,707	— 7,691	604,289	— 22,661
5,217,031	— 69,544	1,130,543	— 239,659
9,850,724	— 602,819	1,899,823	— 464,810
5,909,571	— 565,311	1,567,145	— 512,177
986,386	+ 137,451	266,401	+ 192,926

### Net

Railroad.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.
Atlantic Coast Line.....	\$23,894,671	+	1.1	\$5,906,304	— \$610,681	— 9.4
Atch., Topeka & Santa Fe.....	74,332,735	—	5,641,818	— 7.1	24,643,075	— 2,236,448
Baltimore & Ohio.....	66,286,442	—	1,929,770	— 2.8	17,375,297	— 2,351,349
Buffalo, Roch. & Pitts.....	7,666,234	+	376,677	+ 5.1	2,219,366	+ 19,268
Canadian Northern.....	16,260,400	+	1,108,400	+ 7.3	4,632,200	+ 640,500
Canadian Pacific.....	90,796,551	—	2,156,932	— 2.4	29,683,187	— 1,630,408
Central R. R. of Georgia.....	9,932,075	+	360,138	+ 3.8	2,705,767	+ 66,339
Chicago Great Western.....	9,671,568	—	216,124	+ 2.3	7,383,513	— 170,714
C. M. & St. Paul.....	62,404,195	—	1,946,107	— 3.0	20,508,461	— 1,965,009
Illinois Central.....	12,549,008	+	669,170	+ 5.6	3,509,057	+ 252,280
Kansas City Southern.....	7,210,643	—	120	—	2,711,258	— 82,313
Lehigh Valley.....	26,270,293	—	2,740,329	— 9.4	7,684,877	— 2,090,542
Louisville & Nashville.....	40,981,122	+	1,039,410	+ 2.6	10,676,187	— 367,140
Missouri, Kansas & Texas.....	22,413,937	—	377,058	— 1.7	6,326,090	— 1,263,141
N. Y. Cent. & Hud. Riv.....	13,426,930	—	1,341,337	— 9.1	1,967,823	— 1,335,883
New York Central Lines.....	39,872,158	—	6,407,113	— 13.9	4,613,971	— 6,882,069
N. Y., N. H. & H. ....	44,490,191	—	1,787,038	— 3.9	12,206,949	— 2,290,015
Northern Pacific.....	47,720,549	—	1,846,831	— 3.7	18,789,648	— 1,583,385
Pennsylvania Railroad.....	25,632,867	—	2,777,283	— 9.8	2,657,459	— 2,133,072
Philadelphia & Reading.....	51,899,660	—	6,567,332	— 11.3	3,809,701	— 3,947,387
Reading Lines.....	32,713,873	—	2,207,424	— 5.8	10,783,401	— 3,326,950
Rock Island Lines.....	46,536,657	—	2,279,460	— 4.7	12,193,767	— 857,561
Seaboard Air Line.....	16,606,310	+	625,131	+ 3.9	4,435,637	+ 230,490
Steel Car.....	41	—	43	+ 4.3	13,786,330	— 426,680
RAY CON. COPPER.....	21 1/2	—	21 1/2	—	2,677,283	— 3.0
Republic Iron & Steel p. ....	894	—	861	— 3.6	10,783,401	— 3,326,950
Rock Island Co. ....	41 1/2	—	45	+ 3%	12,552,835	— 6,688,913
Rock Island Co. pf. ....	7	—	5	— 5%	12,193,767	— 857,561
SEABOARD AIR LINE.....	20 1/2	—	20 1/2	—	12,193,767	— 857,561
Seaboard Air Line pf. ....	35 1/2	—	35 1/2	—	12,193,767	— 857,561
Southern Pacific.....	93,670,217	—	3,201,127	— 3.3	26,733,217	— 4,506,748
Union Pacific.....	64,294,796	—	498,594	— 0.8	22,942,328	— 2,730,571
Yazoo & Mississippi Valley.....	8,938,828	+	1,454,638	+ 19.4	2,637,268	+ 1,187,849

### Gross

Railroad.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.
A. C. LINE ev. 4s.....	270	—	270	—	270	—
A. C. LINE cons. 4s.....	2,000	—	2,000	—	2,000	—
A. C. LINE 4s, ct. ....	800	—	800	—	800	—
Atchison.....	10	—	10	—	10	—
Atchison pf. ....	3	—	3	—	3	—
Atchison 4s.....	1,000	—	1,000	—	1,000	—
BALT. & OHIO.....	24	—	24	—	24	—
Balto. & Ohio 4s.....	1,000	—	1,000	—	1,000	—
Boston.....	193	—	193	—	193	—
Boston & Lowell.....	19	—	19	—	19	—
Boston & Maine.....	435	—	435	—	435	—
Boston & Maine pf. ....	29	—	29	—	29	—
CANADIAN PACIFIC....Mont.	1,235	—	1,235	—	1,235	—
Canadian Pacific notes....Mont.	\$2,000	—	\$2,000	—	\$2,000	—
Catawissa 1st pf. ....	Phila.	18	—	54	—	54
C. B. & J. Q. J. 4s.....	Boston	\$53,000	—	97	—	97
C. B. & J. Q. J. 4s, reg. ....	Boston	\$2,000	—	97	—	97
Chic. Jet. S. Y. pf. ....	Boston	5	—	105	—	105
Chic. Jet. S. Y. pf. '15. ....	Boston	\$31,000	—	100	—	100
Colorado & So. 4s.....	Balto.	\$1,000	—	91	—	91
FITCHBURG pf. ....	Boston	6	—	80	—	80
GA. SO. & FLA. 1st 5s. ....	Balt.	\$2,000	—	104	—	104
Georgia Pac. 1st 6s. ....	Balt.	\$1,000	—	108	—	108
Great North. rights.....	Boston	1,257	—	1,436	—	1,436
JAMES, F. & C. 4s.....	Phila.	\$2,000	—	92	—	92
K. C. FT. S. & M. 6s. ....	Boston	\$13,000	—	111	—	111
L. S. & M. S. 4s. ....	Boston	\$1,000	—	91	—	91
Lehigh Valley.....	Phila.	395	—	72	—	72
Lehigh Valley con. 4/4s. ....	Phila.	\$41,000	—	99	—	99
Lehigh Valley con. 4s. ....	Phila.	\$1,000	—	99	—	99
MAINE CENTRAL.....	Baltimore	50	—	117	—	117
Mary. & Penn. Inc. 4s. ....	Balt.	\$1,000	—	50	—	50
Mine Hill.....	Phila.	21	—	59	—	59
Missouri Pacific.....	Phila.	100	—	27	—	27
NEW YORK CENT.....	Phila.	100	—	89	—	89
N. Y. N. H. & H. ....	Boston	1,338	—	70	—	70
Northern Central.....	Phila.	50	—	117	—	117
Northern Central. ....	Baltimore	103	—	118	—	118
OLD COLONY.....	Boston	18	—	163	—	163
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Phila.	4,371	—	55	—	55
Penn. conv. 3/4s. ....	Balt.	\$4,000	—	98	—	98
Petersburg 5s. ....	Baltimore	\$1,000	—	104	—	104
READING.....	Philadelphia	715	—	83	—	83
Reading 4s. ....	Phila.	\$3,000	—	97	—	97
Reading term. 5s. ....	Phila.	\$2,000	—	112	—	112
Reading gen. 4s. ....	Phila.	\$16,000	—	95	—	95
Rutland pf. ....	Boston	45	—	22	—	22
SEABOARD AIR LINE. ....	Balt.	50	—	20	—	20
Seaboard Air Line pf. ....	Balt.	110	—	55	—	55
Seaboard Air Line 4s. ....	Balt.	\$31,000	—	85	—	85
Seaboard & Roanoke 5s. ....	Balt.	\$1,000	—	104	—	104
Sierra Ry. of Cal. 6s. ....	S. F.	\$4,000	—	96	—	96
Southern Pacific rights. ....	Boston	624	—	25	—	25
So. Pac. 1						

# Mining

## Progress of the Zinc Industry in 1913

**Production Was Considerably Larger and Stocks on Hand at the End of the Year Were the Largest on Record**

By W. R. INGALLS\*

Revised and complete statistics of the zinc industry in the United States in 1913 are given in this article. The total production of spelter by ore-smelters in 1913 was 358,262 tons, of which about 8,764 tons were derived from galvanizers' dross, skimmings, scrap, &c., and the remainder from ore. The production from dross, scrap, &c., was 7,447 tons in 1912, 9,030 tons in 1911, and 7,793 tons in 1910. These data do not include the production of spelter by concerns which treat dross and scrap only, whose output amounts to about 16,000 tons per annum:

PRODUCTION OF ZINC (In tons of 2,000 pounds.)				
	By Ore Smelters.	1910.	1911.	1912.
States.		1910.	1911.	1912.
Colorado .....	6,561	7,477	8,800	8,627
Illinois .....	70,570	88,681	94,902	111,551
Missouri-Kan ..	112,182	106,173	111,761	85,157
Oklahoma .....	34,700	46,333	76,837	85,230
East .....	43,980	47,172	56,278	60,687
Total .....	277,065	295,836	348,638	358,262
By Dross and Scrap Smelters.				
1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	
11,350	*13,500	*15,000	*16,000	
Total Production of Zinc.				
Ore smelters....	277,065	295,836	348,638	358,262
Dross smelters..	11,350	13,500	15,000	16,000
Total .....	288,415	300,336	363,638	374,262
*Estimated.				

RECEIPTS OF ZINC ORE. (In tons of 2,000 pounds. This table includes the receipts of ore by the smelters only and does not include the production of ore exported or what was taken by the manufacturers of zinc oxide.)				
	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Arizona .....	7,598	6,835	11,937	9,347
Arkansas .....	190	800	1,567	1,500
California .....	3	3,754	6,639	6,796
Colorado .....	77,065	158,528	212,423	220,166
Idaho .....	10,248	9,667	19,862	31,825
Kentucky .....	179	375	947	441
Missouri-Kan ..	280,913	268,500	289,177	280,000
Montana .....	33,514	56,503	34,034	91,257
Nevada .....	4,915	5,666	20,654	22,313
New Mexico....	15,939	16,184	25,889	14,503
Oklahoma .....	1,649	8,750	4,325	23,500
Tennessee .....	2,775	3,439	6,635	8,297
Utah .....	27,318	19,933	24,539	27,073
Wisconsin .....	51,383	71,565	90,762	89,662
Others .....	46,905	44,836	56,090	57,241
Total .....	569,572	630,305	805,100	884,021
Mexico .....	20,198	28,596	29,436	19,965
Canada .....	11,793	2,336	9,707	6,012
*Grand total.	610,563	700,257	844,252	900,008

\*Smelters' receipts: reports missing from three small smelters. \*Including Illinois and Iowa. \*In addition to the ore reported from Canada and Mexico zinc smelters received a few thousand tons from Europe and Eastern Siberia in 1913. \*Included in "Others."

The amount of the recovered spelter that should properly be counted statistically is uncertain. A good deal of scrap zinc is remelted in the manufacturing plants where it is made, e. g., in every rolling mill, and such remelted zinc should not, of course, appear in any statistical enumeration. On the other hand certain smelters buy and redistill and subsequently sell as spelter, often of excellent quality, what was distinctly a waste product. This is obviously an addition to the new supply of spelter and should be recognized just as is that which the ore smelters recover from dross, skimmings, &c. In my estimate I have conformed to this reasoning.

Of the total spelter production of the ore-smelters in 1911, concerns using coal as fuel produced 119,989 tons, or about 40 per cent. of the total. In 1912 they produced 134,077 tons, which was only about 38 per cent. of the total. In 1913, their production was 231,346, or about 60 per cent. of the total. In addition to the spelter production there was an output of 423 tons of commercial zinc dust in 1913, against 492 tons in 1912, and 254 tons in 1911. Two smelters are engaged in this business. The importations of zinc dust were about 2,200 tons, against 2,400 tons in 1912, and 1,713 tons in 1911.

The total stock of spelter at smelters' works at the end of 1913 was 40,115 tons, against 4,264 tons at the end of 1912, 9,323 tons at the end of 1911, and 23,000 tons at the end of 1910. The de-

liveries into consumption are computed in the accompanying table.

### DELIVERIES INTO CONSUMPTION.

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Stock, Jan. 1.	11,500	23,000	9,323	4,264
Production	288,415	309,336	363,638	374,262
Imports	3,452	1,637	11,115	6,100
Totals	303,367	333,973	384,076	384,626
Exports, dom.	3,989	6,872	6,634	7,782
Exports, for	4,468	11,270	8,700	.....
Stock, Dec. 31,	23,000	9,323	4,264	40,115
Deliveries	271,892	316,508	364,488	.....

The stock of spelter at the end of 1913 was the largest of which we have record.

Another point that deserves note is the increasing production of spelter from dross and the decreasing exports of that material. In 1911, the exportation was 4,246 tons; in 1912 it was 205 tons; and in 1913 it was only 28 tons. We estimate the product redistilled from dross, skimmings, &c., (by works treating this material only), at 13,500 tons in 1911, 15,000 tons in 1912, and 16,000 tons in 1913, and probably these figures are underestimates rather than overestimates. In taking a statistical view, this spelter must be added to the spelter obtained otherwise, it being sold in the same way and being just as good, indeed it is often better than some of the virgin spelter.

### The Metal Markets

NEW YORK.—So far as local consumers were concerned, there was little activity through the greater part of last week, and the price for prompt delivery remained at 14½ cents until late Friday, when, on the strength of large orders reported, the leading producers raised their price ½ to 1½ cents. Little business was consummated on Saturday on that basis. Exports continue abnormally large. The spelter market is quiet.

The following table shows the European visible supply of copper by fortnights from Jan. 1, 1914, compared with the corresponding periods in the previous years (figures in pounds):

1914. 1913. 1912. 1911.

Jan. 1.....	66,124,800	91,591,300	128,688,000
Jan. 15.....	62,424,320	88,511,300	124,880,000
Feb. 1.....	58,214,560	87,483,200	124,500,800
Feb. 14.....	57,841,280	104,301,120	119,403,200
March 1.....	60,385,720	100,152,480	105,749,760
March 15.....	53,031,200	97,748,080	114,452,800
April 1.....	58,528,990	100,972,480	112,760,080

\*Includes Rotterdam and Amsterdam for first time.

The exports of copper exclusive of Southern and Pacific ports for last month were the largest on record, showing an increase of 3,545 tons over the previous banner month, last March, which included Southern and Pacific ports. The following table gives the exports in tons by months for a series of years:

1914. 1913. 1912. 1911. 1910.

January .....	36,018	25,026	31,220	29,357	26,620
February .....	34,634	26,792	31,894	19,492	25,238
March .....	45,973	42,428	27,074	23,600	19,963

### BAR SILVER PRICES.

	London.	New York.	(Pence.)	(Cents.)
Saturday, March 28.....	29½	58	.....	.....
Monday, March 30.....	29½	58	.....	.....
Tuesday, March 31.....	29½	58	.....	.....
Wednesday, April 1.....	26	13-16	.....	.....
Thursday, April 2.....	26	15-16	58½	.....
Friday, April 3.....	27	58½	.....	.....
Saturday, April 4.....	26	15-16	58½	.....

### Mines and Companies

AHMEEK.—Reports for year ended Dec. 31, 1913, in comparison with previous years:

1913. 1912. 1911.

Copper sold .....	\$1,334,876	\$2,649,488	\$1,832,801
Copper unsold .....	26,506	75,798	120,500
Silver sales, &c. ....	12,312	32,298	7,121
Total .....	1,433,695	2,737,576	1,960,513
Running expenses at mine .....	680,147	906,393	832,681
Smelt., trans., com., etc. ....	127,344	187,671	181,682
New construction .....	418,183	198,114	48,822
Total costs .....	1,226,275	1,292,170	1,083,186
Profit from operations .....	207,419	1,465,296	877,327
Balances Interest paid .....	.....	.....	7,054
Purchase of land .....	30,500	.....	.....
Net profit .....	170,919	1,465,396	870,272
Dividends .....	850,000	1,100,000	250,000
Balance of assets Dec. 31 .....	706,128	1,379,200	1,013,812

There were 9,014,106 pounds of copper sold at 15.42 cents, with unsold balance of 176,708 pounds, on Jan. 1, 1914, estimated at 15 cents. Net earnings of \$176,919 from past year's operations are equivalent to \$3.52 a share on the 50,000 outstanding shares.

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COPPER RANGE CONSOLIDATED.—Combined production of Baltic Champion, and Tr. Mountain companies as follows:

1914. 1913. 1912. 1911.

January .....	1,638	2,475	2,686	2,405
February .....	1,759	2,414	2,627	2,440
March .....	1,917	2,571	2,761	2,688

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FEDERAL MINING AND SMELTING.—The company reports for the four months ended Dec. 31, 1913, as follows:

Total value of products .....	\$1,096,661
Cost of production .....	515,785
Construction and betterment .....	11,548
Smelter freight and treatment .....	426,082
Total deduction .....	953,417
Profit from production .....	143,244

gold from custom ores. The prices received for the metals was 15.21 cents a pound for copper, 59.52 cents an ounce for silver, and \$20 an ounce for gold.

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PHELPS-DODGE—Phelps-Dodge produced 12,493,651 pounds of copper during the month of March, as compared with 11,443,123 pounds in February, and 12,261,533 pounds in March, 1913.

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TONOPAH.—Production during the week ended March 27 was, in detail, as follows:

Company.	Tons.	Company.	Tons.
Tonopah-Belmont	3,501	Jim Butler	750
Tonopah Mining	2,700	Merger	200
Tonopah Extension	1,032	North Star	220
West End	1,483	Midway	50
Montana-Tonopah	1,001		
MacNamara	249	Total	11,186

Estimated valuation, based on gross milling value of the ore, \$272,820, compared with 11,248 tons, valued at \$274,616 in the preceding week.

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UNITED GLOBE MINES.—The report for the year ended Dec. 31 last follows:

	1913.	Increase.
Total receipts	\$1,221,652	*\$98,399
Expenses	739,606	39,631
Net earnings	481,446	*138,030
Dividends	600,000	230,000
Deficit	208,554	368,030
Previous surplus adj.	581,293	159,988
Total surplus	372,739	*208,042

\*Decrease.

The balance sheet as of the above date shows cash at Boston of \$94,116; cash at mines, \$2,500, and total assets and liabilities of \$3,300,824.

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UNITED STATES SMELTING, REFINING AND MINING COMPANY.—Report for year ended Dec. 31, 1913, is issued, consolidated earnings statement compares as follows:

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Earnings all companies after charges, cost of prod., sell, &c., but bef. deprec.	\$4,555,122	\$5,497,965	\$3,961,102
Depreciation	980,535	1,265,000	1,120,689
Profit for year	3,585,586	4,232,965	2,840,412
Additional reserve	235,000		
Dividends	2,755,490	2,379,882	2,404,668
Surplus	830,120	1,418,722	435,744

President Sharp says, in part: "The proceeds of the \$10,000,000 6 per cent. notes issued by the Utah Company, and guaranteed by the United States Smelting Company, have been invested to the amount of \$6,765,-694 in stocks and bonds of coal companies in Utah, and in securities of the Utah Railway Company, leaving \$3,062,305 unexpended Jan. 1, 1914. In addition, the United States Smelting Company has invested \$592,825 in stocks and bonds of these coal companies, and has loaned to the Utah Company and its subsidiaries \$1,759,-901 for construction, equipment, &c. In 1913 the coal properties in Utah produced 860,522 tons of coal, an increase of 40 per cent. over 1912. Profits earned were equivalent to 4.35 per cent. on the investment, after fixed charges."

## Mining Stocks

Name	Market	Sales	High	Low	Last
ADVENTURE	Boston	85	1%	1%	1%
Ahmeek	Boston	10	200	200	200
Alaska	Boston	10,075	24%	22%	23%
Algoma	Boston	200	1%	1%	1%
Allouez	Boston	230	43	41%	43
Amalgamated	Boston	2,621	77%	75%	76%
Amalgamated	Philadelphia	110	77	76%	77
American Z. and S.	Boston	1,315	18%	17%	17%
Anaconda	Boston	2	38%	30%	30%
Anaconda	Philadelphia	10	30%	30%	30%
Apex	Toronto	7,500	.04	.03%	.03%
Arizona Com'l.	Boston	3,630	4%	4%	4%
Atlantic	Boston Curb	200	.35	.35	.35
BAILEY	Toronto	10,000	4	3%	3%
Banner	Colorado Springs	12,000	.008	.008	
Batchelder	Boston	100	.75	.75	.75
Beaver	Boston Curb	600	.31	.30	.31
Beaver	Toronto	2,000	31%	31%	31%
Big Dome	Toronto	1,055	11.75	10.15	10.25
Bing Mines	Boston Curb	835	5%	5%	5%
Bing Amal.	Salt Lake	1,000	.05%	.05%	.05%
Bohemia	Boston Curb	50	1 9-16	1 9-16	1 9-16
Boston and Cor.	Boston Curb	100	.40	.40	.40
Boston and Ely	Boston Curb	200	.41	.38	.41
British-Col.	Boston Curb	50	1%	1%	1%
Buffalo M.	Boston Curb	100	1 3-16	1 3-16	1 3-16
Butte and Hal.	Boston	145	3%	3%	3%
Butte and Lon.	Boston Curb	1,750	.44	.37	.41
Butte & Superior	Boston	1,835	36	35%	35%
Calaveras	Boston Curb	965	1 3-16	1 3-16	1 3-16
Cal. and Arizona	Boston	1,308	69%	67%	68%
Cal. and Hecla	Boston	71	421	410	417
California Hills	Los Angeles	7,000	.6-1/2	.02%	.02%
Cal. and Cor.	Boston Curb	4,880	.32	.29	.30
Can. Goldfield	Toronto	1,700	.00%	.00%	.00%
Caribou	Boston Curb	100	.67	.67	.67
Cedar Tal.	Salt Lake	6,000	.01%	.01	.01
Centennial	Boston	110	17%	17	17
Cham. Fer.	Toronto	500	.20	.20	.20
Cham. Fer.	Toronto Mine	3,400	.21	.19%	.20
Chief Con.	Boston Curb	580	.93	.90	.93
Chino	Boston	485	42%	41	42%
City of Cobalt	Tor. Mine	2,500	50	50	50
Cobalt Lake	Toronto Mine	400	.50	.55	.56
Cochrane	Toronto Mine	9,625	66	62	64
Cochrane	Toronto	1,600	.63	.62	.62
Colorado	Salt Lake	2,300	.10%	.10	.10%
Conilgas	Toronto	305	8.05	7.90	7.95
Conilgas	Tor. Mine	150	8.00	8.00	8.00
Contact	Boston Curb	100	.25	.25	.25
Con. Top.	Boston Curb	55	2 7-16	2 7-16	2 7-16
Con. Ariz.	Boston Curb	7,500	.00	.54	.57
Con. Mines	Los Angeles	5,000	.04%	.04%	.04%
Copper Range	Boston	419	38	37	37%
Crown Point	Salt Lake	7,000	.01%	.01%	.01%
Cr. Resv.	Toronto	200	1.80	1.80	1.80
Cr. Resv.	Toronto Mine	1,450	1.80	1.80	1.80
Cr. Resv.	Montreal	735	1.80	1.78	1.80
Cr. Resv.	Boston Curb	100	1%	1%	1%

Name	Market	Sales	High	Low	Last	Name	Market	Sales	High	Low	Last
C., K. & N.	Colorado Springs	1,000	.08%	.08%	.08%	Nipissing	Tor. Mines	2,755	6.08	5.87	5.95
DALY WEST	Boston	250	2%	2%	2%	Nipissing	Montreal	110	6.00	6.00	6.00
Dante	Colorado Springs	102,500	.03%	.02%	.03%	*North Butte	Boston	1,538	28%	27%	27%
Davis-Daly	Boston Curb	7,890	1%	.90	.90	North Lake	Boston	50	1%	1%	1%
Den. Ariz.	Boston Curb	10	8	8	8	North Star	Boston	1,000	11	11	11
Dr. Jackpot	Col. Springs	5,000	.06%	.06%	.06%	OHIO COP	S. Lake	100	.32	.32	.32
Dome	Toronto	50	10.47	10.47	10.47	Ohio Cop	Boston Curb	300	.37	.37	.37
Dome Ext.	Toronto	5,000	.12	.11%	.12	Old Colony	Boston	1,973	3%	2%	3%
Dome Ext.	Toronto Mine	4,500	.12	.12	.12	Old Dom	Boston	487	50%	49%	50
Dome Lake	Toronto	20	11.70	11.70	11.70	Old Dom. tr. rets.	Boston Curb	50	6%	6%	6%
Dome Lake	Toronto Mine	36,130	49%	46	48	Oneo	Boston Curb	180	1%	1%	1%
EAGLE B. B.	Boston Curb	200	1 13-16	1 13-16	1 13-16	Ophongo	Salt Lake	6,000	.04%	.04%	.03%
East Butte	Boston	740	11%	11%	11%	Oscoola	Boston	75	7%	7%	7%
Elkton	Colorado Springs	10,000	.47	.46%	.46%	Ojibway	Boston	50	1%	1%	1%
El Paso	Boston	200	2.00	2.00	2.00	PEARL LAKE	Tor. M.	14,000	8%	8%	8%
FIRST NAT.	Boston Curb	2,250	2%	1 15-16	2	Peterson Lake	Toronto	30,400	.48%	.40%	.41
Foley O'Brien	Toronto Mine	1,100	.30	.25	.30	Peterson Lake	Toronto M.	112,450	48%	40%	43
Fos. Cobalt	Toronto Mine	1,500	.7%	.6	.7%	Peterson Lake	Boston	1,200	.45	.43	.45
Franklin	Boston	2,400	.7%	.5%	.7%	Pharmacist	Col. Springs	6,000	0.5%	.01%	.01%
GERMANY	Boston Curb	500	.15	.15	.15	Pleaurum	Tor. Mine	100	.65	.65	.65
Gifford	Toronto Mine	500	3%	3%	3%	Pleaurum	Toronto	100	.60	.60	.60
Gold Sov.	Colorado Springs	10,000	.02%	.02%	.02%	Plutus	Salt Lake	7,950	.06	.06	.06
Goit Chain	Salt Lake	500	.17	.17	.17	Pond Creek	Boston	670	17%	17	17%
Gold Dollar	Colorado Springs	6,000	.04%	.04%	.04%	Pond Creek Co.	Boston	\$1,000	103	103	103
Gold Con.	Boston Curb	25	1%	1%	1%	Port. Crown	Tor. Mine	1,100	1.15	1.14	1.15
Gould	Toronto Mine	6,500	3%	3%	3%	Port. Crown	Toronto	300	1.14	1.14	1.14
Granite Bi-Met.	St. Louis	300	.25	.25	.25	Port. Gold	Tor. Mine	4,900	1.12%	1.11%	1.11%
Granby	Boston	1,462	.90	.87%	.88%	Port. Imper.	Tor. Mine	1,000	2	2	2
Gr. Nor.	Toronto	1,000	.14	.14	.14	Port. Tisld.	Tor. Mine	2,000	2%	2%	2%
Gr. Nor.	Toronto Mine	34,000	15%	11	11	Portland	Col. Specs.	1,000	1.11	1.11	1.11
Greene-Canaanca	Boston	265	37%	36%	37%	Preston E. D.	Toronto	1,000	.24	.24	.24
Greene-Mehan	Toronto Mine	1,500	.01	.01	.01	Preston E. D.	Tor. M.	10,100	2%	2%	2%
HANCOCK	Boston	10	18%	18%	18%	Prince Con.	S. Lake	300	.20	.20	.20
Hedley	Boston	60	.30	.30	.30	QUINCY	Boston	244	.62	.57%	.62
Helvetia	Boston	100	.40	.40	.40	RAVEN	Boston	2,050	.15	.15	.15
Hollinger	Montreal	2,217	17.00	16.00	16.00	Ray Con.	Boston	1,160	22%	21%	22%
Hollinger	Toronto	65	16.35	16.25	16.35	Right of Way	Tor. M.	6,145	5%	5%	5%
Hollinger	Toronto Mine	205	16.75	16.50	16.50	ST. MARY'S LAND	Boston	353	38%	38	38
Hollinger	Boston	100	15%	15%	15%	Sants Fe	S. Lake	50	1%	1%	1%
Homestake	Toronto Mine	1,400	.85	.82%	.85	Seneca Sup.	Tor. M.	100	3.00	3.00	3.00
Houghton	Boston Curb	65	9-16	9-	9-	Shannon	Boston	400	6	5%	6
Hudson Bay	Toronto Mine	2	75.00	75.00	75.00	Shat. & Ariz.	Boston	385			

# Utilities

## The Good Side of the Holding Company

### Among Public Utilities It Is the Device Through Which Beneficial Consolidation of Management Is Brought About

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**T**IS a common fallacy to believe that holding companies are some financial device to take some illegal or unfair advantage of the public. This arises from the undue emphasis which has been laid upon the evils which have arisen in connection with this device, as such evils are bound to arise in connection with every financial device. The fact is, however, that a holding company has a very real and important place in the proper economic development of the public utilities business, otherwise it never would have arisen, nor become so common and prevalent as we find it today.

I propose first to point out to you the real reason for these holding companies and the advantages which the public has derived from them, before taking up the question of the evils.

These advantages can be summed up in a very brief compass. A holding company is a financial device by which the problem has been met of securing better service, better management and wider market with greater security without too large an investment. The public is interested in public utilities, as I have frequently pointed out in these lectures, in two capacities; first, as customers of the company, and second, as purchasers of securities. The advantages to the customer offered through the holding companies are two-fold. The service which he gets is in large measure increased and improved, the rates which he pays are lowered. The advantage to the purchaser of securities is also two-fold. His security becomes more marketable, and second, its safety is increased by distribution of risks.

These advantages are not obvious ones, but they are very real, and it is because of them that holding companies have grown in number and importance during the last years.

It is not generally known by those who are not familiar with the public utilities business to what extent the farms and rural communities and even small cities and towns can benefit by the consolidation of distributing systems. There is scarcely a small community in the Central West, where any business is done, except street lighting or house to house lighting, or perhaps in some cases the pumping of water locally, and this is because the cost of production is so high that such small plants cannot possibly sell energy for industrial or transportation purposes. On the other hand, if a larger establishment having economical apparatus in the form of generating plants connected with large distributing systems should take this business, it can distribute energy for transportation and manufacturing purposes. As a rule country plants are badly run and badly constructed, and their absorption by large systems means better service in the various communities served at lower prices.

Another phase of this is the case of the small farmer. Unless the farm is located along the line of a high transmission power distributing system, the farmer cannot get electricity. Large central stations with high power transmission lines go through rural districts and supply the adjacent farms with power not only for electric lighting but for farm apparatus. The holding company device has enabled large units to supplant the small local concerns, and to build large central stations distributing the energy over a very wide territory, bringing in rural communities and farms which could not otherwise obtain the service and enabling the service to be utilized in fields which would not otherwise be reached. Any legislation that prevents the organization of the companies necessary to finance this is an actual discrimination against rural communities and the farmer in particular. It was in recognition of this fact that one of the recent public utility bills in the Middle West expressly permitted the holding company.

It is a fact that these companies can manufacture and distribute power more economically and operate their plants cheaper because of the size of the plants and the better equipment, but there are other respects in which they are superior in giving service. The wider territory enables the

construction engineer to solve many problems in distributing the peak of the load, and this is a very important practical consideration. There is something even more important than this to the improvement in service. One of the great operators of public utilities plants who has made a record for the efficiency of his operation and the lowness of his rates says:

I think if I had to choose between first-class construction engineering and first-class selling engineering I would choose first-class selling engineering, as it would give me more money on the dollar invested with which to make up for the mistakes made by the construction engineer.

This statement calls attention in a vivid way to a factor which is being constantly overlooked in valuing public utilities, namely, the human factor. The value of a plant depends as much upon the brains which are associated with it in the organization and management of it as upon the replacement value of the physical properties. In fact, it depends a great deal more on this element of brains. A large holding company can command brains and efficiency to an extent which small companies cannot possibly attain. It is stated on good authority that London, with its numerous small companies, each supplying portions of the territory of London, has a unit cost of production of electric current to the manufacturer which exceeds the price charged to the customers of Chicago with its one big company supplying a great territory. The economies in operating cost and managerial efficiency which could be made by the seventeen or more London companies, if consolidated, would make a fortune in a single year. This is only an exaggerated case of what has been going on all through this country. The holding company organizer effects these economies.

The holding company, as far as service goes, makes for better management, more efficient management, greater development of the service both as to the old fields and as to entirely new fields.

At the same time, it makes for cheaper rates. This is, of course, due to the increased efficiency of the management, the ability to employ higher grade men, the purchasing in large units, the elimination of many operatives and managerial heads, the elimination of much machinery on the physical side. It is also due to another fact which does not strike every one, but which became familiar to you gentlemen in connection with your course on financing industrial enterprises. As you know, the rate which the company must charge is in a very large measure determined by the expense of financing to which the company is put, and the holding company is able to finance much cheaper than the small units, and in this way is able to charge lower rates and yet make a profit sufficient to induce brains to come into the business which the efficiency of management requires.

This leads to the other side of the question, the interest which the public has as an investor in these public utilities. From the point of view of the investor, the holding company's securities make an appeal first because of the increased marketability of these securities, and second, because of the increased security. Contrast the marketability of bonds of a public utility owning and operating a small plant in a city, say, of 25,000 or 30,000 people, and the marketability of securities of a holding company with a dozen such plants located in three or four States in different parts of the country. In the case of the holding company you have a great many more individuals buying and selling securities. You have a geographical distribution of securities which makes for permanence and marketability. When one community is suffering from financial distress due to a local bank failure or some other cause, another community in the same group may be harvesting a cotton crop and have a plethora of money. The securities of the holding company are equally known in both communities, so that one will buy what the other wants to market. This is a very potent cause in the development of these companies. This is one phase of the distribution of risk. Another comes from the fact that these various plants located in small communities help each other out in the matter of their earnings. When improvements are under way in one plant another plant may be making its record net profits. Any one who has studied the earning sheets of any of our large well managed public utility companies can see how the local deficits are taken up and do not show in the results of the whole because they are equalized by profits in other plants of the same company.

The question may occur at once as to whether all the advantages which I have above enumerated cannot be as well obtained by a large company actually owning the physical properties rather than by a holding company merely holding the stock of various smaller companies. I think this is undoubtedly so. Perhaps not entirely so to-day, but in the future it will become more and more so.

There is no doubt that the company which holds the actual physical title presents some advantages over a holding company, as well as many of the advantages of a holding company. Such a company has not been possible in many States owing to adverse legislation. Where a State prohibits the operation of the public utilities within its borders except by companies organized under its own laws, the only way in which you can consolidate the plants in that State with plants located in other States is through the device of a holding company or similar organization. Further than this, it is often necessary to have local Boards of Directors composed of citizens of the community served in order to enlist that public co-operation and good-will which are essential to the operation of any public utility plant. The most important reason, however, for the organization of holding companies in preference to a large company actually owning the properties in fee is that it requires less outlay of money, less labor, and eliminates hold-ups. The holding company can control, through the ownership of a majority of the stock, whereas a company which would take actual control of the properties would have to get the consent of a larger proportion of the stockholders, and in order to obtain such consent the company would have to pay hold-up prices to holders of small amounts of stock.

The chief evils of holding companies are two-fold. First, the danger of the issue of fictitious securities of the subsidiary companies for the purpose of creating collateral for the securities of the holding company. No legislation can reach this. It is a matter of education of the financial public. As a matter of fact, the financial public is becoming educated on this subject, and most deeds of trust to-day of holding companies contain rigid provisions against the issuance of further underlying securities.

The holding company has also been made a means for a much more pernicious practice, namely, the payment of dividends out of fictitious earnings. Of course, a corporation cannot lawfully pay dividends out of anything but surplus net earnings, yet by means of contracts between the holding companies and the underlying companies, by the holding company does services for the underlying companies for exorbitant prices or makes leases to the underlying companies with a guaranteed rental, fictitious earnings may be produced. The way to avoid these evils is not by legislation nor by prohibiting the forming of holding companies, but by careful scrutiny of the actual transactions of the holding company with its subsidiary companies and the holding of its officers strictly accountable as trustees to their stockholders and the creditors of the corporation of which they are officers and directors.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES NEWS

**AMERICAN WATERWORKS AND GUARANTEE COMPANY.**—The Stockholders' Protective Committee of the American Waterworks and Guarantee Company announces that, in connection with the consummation of the reorganization plan, it has obtained an order of court permitting payment of checks for the dividend payable July 1, 1915, on preferred stock of the American Waterworks and Guarantee Company, payment of which was refused last July, and is now advised that if such checks are re-presented they will be paid in due course. The Reorganization Committee of the California-Idaho Company, one of the subsidiaries of the American Waterworks and Guarantee Company, and the only one of the irrigation properties which will be taken over by the American Waterworks and Electric Company, has issued notice to the depositors of the California-Idaho Company first and collateral trust bonds that depositors not desiring to abide by the reorganization agreement must withdraw their bonds by May 1, or they will be bound by all the terms of the agreement. Bonds not deposited by May 1 cannot share in the reorganization agreement. Under the reorganization agreement, collateral trust bonds of the American Waterworks and Electric Company will be exchanged par for par for the first and collateral trust bonds of the California-Idaho Company.

**BANGOR RAILWAY ELECTRIC COMPANY** for February—  
Gross ..... 1913 Inc.  
Surplus ..... \$57,347 \$2,962  
Surplus ..... 10,910 800

Twelve months:  
Gross ..... 771,941 53,701  
Surplus ..... 108,265 23,639

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**—  
February gross ..... \$111,182 \$110,599 Dec.  
Net ..... 40,374 45,632 \*\$583  
Surplus after charges ..... 22,758 29,564 5,258  
Surplus ..... 22,758 29,564 6,806

\*Increase.

**BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT.**—The company has notified the Public Service Commission that all the street surface railroads under its control have agreed

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to adopt the order of the commission directing the use of universal transfers all over its system, effective May 1.

## CANTON ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Incr.
Gross	\$41,064	\$351,027	\$90,037
Net	217,021	176,016	41,005
Surplus after charges	153,536	119,348	34,188

CHATTANOOGA RAILWAY & LIGHT COMPANY for February:

		Decrease.
Gross	88,664	\$24
Surplus	6,702	2,841

Twelve months:

	\$1,208,315	*\$16,792
Surplus	87,616	22,708

## \*Increase.

CHICAGO RAILWAYS COMPANY.—Net earnings for the year ended Jan. 31 last were \$3,345,200, as indicated by a statement given out from the Chicago City Controller's office concerning the city's 55 per cent share in the profits. This is an increase of \$775,374 over the previous year, when the railway company reported net earnings of \$2,569,826. These earnings are in addition to the 5 per cent allowance on the capital investment.

CHICAGO TRACTION PROFITS.—The City of Chicago's share of profits from the Chicago Railways Company and the Chicago City Railway for the year to Jan. 31, 1914, was \$2,831,912, an increase of \$300,000 over the payment the year before. The traction fund after this year's payment will total \$13,704,974.

## COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
February gross	\$53,510	\$45,600	\$7,820
Net	31,224	21,564	9,660
Surplus after charges	6,386	8,825	*\$2,439

## \*Decrease.

## DALLAS ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
February gross	\$183,066	\$163,242	*\$19,824
Net	69,248	69,414	166
Surplus after charges	42,594	44,778	2,184

## \*Increase.

EASTERN TEXAS ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	February gross	\$50,039
Net	16,623	
Surplus after charges	8,381	

EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY of Brockton:

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
February gross	\$40,425	\$39,658	*\$767
Net	15,962	16,879	917
Surplus after charges	13,352	14,639	1,287

## \*Increase.

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
February gross	\$89,664	\$75,208	\$14,366
Net	41,936	39,228	2,708
Surplus after charges	37,591	34,988	2,603

GALVESTON-HOUSTON ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
February gross	\$175,061	\$158,773	\$16,278
Net	68,550	69,610	8,031
Surplus after charges	29,588	25,959	3,629

LEWISTON, AUGUSTA & WATERVILLE STREET RAILWAY.—February:

		Decrease.
Gross	\$39,554	\$1,795
Surplus	12,243	5,329

Twelve months:

	674,106	*\$42,847
Surplus	17,163	116,290

## \*Increase.

MUNCIE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY:

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
Gross	\$458,749	\$404,366	\$54,383
Net	193,985	168,129	25,856
Surplus after charges	107,583	85,406	22,177

NEW YORK RAILWAYS reports earnings for the month of February and eight months as follows:

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Gross earnings	\$951,822	\$1,046,502	\$94,670
Net after taxes	210,450	275,680	65,239
Other income	30,714	28,388	*\$2,326
Gross income	241,104	304,077	62,913
Deficit after charges	35,380	125,219	*\$90,776
No. passengers carried	18,619,210	20,312,190	1,692,976
Eight months gross	9,292,845	9,274,665	*\$18,182
Net after taxes	2,690,525	2,721,107	21,582
Other income	257,040	287,748	30,708
Total income	2,956,565	3,008,855	52,290
Surplus after charges	742,700	775,711	33,011
No. passengers carried	183,251,910	179,780,882	\$3,490,128

## \*Increase.

Operating expenses include reserves imposed upon the company by order of the Public Service Commission and now in litigation. Charges do not include interest payment upon the adjustment income bonds for the six months of 1913.

NORTHERN TEXAS ELECTRIC COMPANY—

	1914.	1913.	Increase.
February gross	\$165,976	\$142,784	\$13,192
Net	61,107	58,466	2,641
Surplus after charges	35,769	33,821	1,948

PORTLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.—February:

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Gross	\$64,123	\$364	
Deficit	8,617	7,166	

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## Utilities Securities

Transactions and range of quotations for various public utilities securities on other than the New York markets last week were as follows:

Name	Market	Sales	High	Low	Last
AM. CITIES pf..	New Orleans	205	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	64	65
Am. Cities 5-6s..	New Orleans	\$1,000	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Gas Co. of N. J...Phila.	11	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	102 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Gas & Elec. 5s...Phila.	\$12,000	86	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	
Am. Gas & El. 5s, small.Phila.	\$1,500	86	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Railways	61	102	102	102	102
Am. Railways pf....Phila.	112	102	102	102	102
Am. Tel. & Tel.	Boston	6,077	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Tel. & Tel. 4s...	Boston	\$76,000	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	88 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Tel. & Tel. cv. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.Boston	\$27,100	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anacostia & Pot. 5s....Wash.	\$2,000	100	100	100	100
BALT. ELECTRIC pf.Balt.	86	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balt. Elec. 5s, stamped.Balt.	\$9,000	99	98	99	99
Balt. Traction 5s.....Balt.	\$1,000	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bell Telephone	410	148 $\frac{1}{2}$	147	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bell Telephone	29	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bell Telephone 5s...Montreal	\$12,000	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$
B'ham, R. L. & P. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.N. O.	\$4,000	90	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	90
B'ham, R. L. & P. 6s...N. O.	\$4,000	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 $\frac{1}{2}$
Boston Elevated	608	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	80	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brazilian L. T. & P. Montreal	3,791	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brazilian T. L. & P. Toronto	3,892	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Broadway 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.St. Louis	\$2,000	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	98 $\$		

**Utilities Securities—Continued**

Name.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
Mex. Lt. & Power...Montreal	100	42%	42%	42%	
Mex. Lt. & Power \$s...Montreal	\$8,000	76%	76%	76%	
Mex. Nor. Power...Montreal	50	6	6	6	
Minn. & St. P. Jt. 5s....Balt.	\$1,000	102	101%	101%	
Miss. River Power...Boston	10	28%	28	28	
Miss. River Power \$s...Boston	\$1,000	84	84	84	
Mon. Val. Traction...Baltimore	350	63	62	65	
Mon. Val. Traction \$s...Balt.	\$1,000	94%	94%	94%	
Mont. L. H. & P...Montreal	1,345	226	222%	225	
Mont. St. Ry. 4%...Montreal	\$11,000	100	100	100	
Montreal Tram. 5s...Montreal	\$2,000	99	99	99	
Montreal Tram. deb...Montreal	\$600	79	78%	78%	
Mont. Tram. Power...Montreal	326	38	35%	38	
Mt. Whitney P. & E. 6s...San F.	\$1,000	99	99	99	
NEWARK PAS. RY. 5s...Phila.	\$5,000	105	105	105	
New England Tel....Boston	48	138	130%	130%	
New Eng. Tel. 5s...Boston	\$15,000	100%	100%	100%	
N. O. City R. R. g. m. New Or.	\$2,000	103	102%	103	
N. O. Ry. & Lt. 4%...New Or.	\$12,000	80%	80%	80%	
Noble Electric...San Fran.	600	89	89	89	
Norf. & Ports. Trac. 5s...Balt.	\$5,000	87%	87%	87%	
Norf. Ry. & Light...Balt.	54	26	25%	26	
Norf. Ry. & Light 5s...Balt.	\$1,000	97	97	97	
Nor. Cal. Power...San Fran.	30	22	22	22	
Nor. Ohio Trac. & Lt...Cleve.	5	60	60	60	
Nor. Ohio T. & Lt. pf...Cleve.	95	98%	98%	98%	
Nor. Ohio T. & Lt. 5s...Cleve.	\$2,000	97%	97%	97%	
North Texas Elec....Boston	75	107	106%	107	
North. Texas Elec. pf...Boston	50	98	97%	97%	
OAKLAND TRAN. 6s...San F.	\$1,000	104	104	104	
Ottawa L. H. & P. rts...Mont.	423	152	148	151	
PAC. ELEC. RY. 5s...San F.	\$8,000	100%	100%	100%	
Pacific Gas & Elec...Chicago	10	40	40	40	
Pacific Gas & Elec...San Fran.	460	40	38%	40	
Pacific Gas & E. pf...San Fran.	120	85	84	84	
Pacific Gas & E. 5s...San Fran.	\$11,000	87	86%	86%	
Pacific Lt. Corp. San Fran.	85	76	75%	76%	
Pacific Lt. & P. 5s...San Fran.	\$9,000	90	90	90	
Pac. Tel. & Tel. pf...San F.	5	90	90	90	
Pac. Tel. & Tel. 5s...San F.	\$3,000	97%	97%	97%	
Penn. Water & Power...Balt.	25	75	75	75	
Penn. Water & Power 5s...Balt.	\$5,000	92%	92%	92%	
People's Gas .....Chicago	870	125	123	123	
People's Gas...San F.	20	121	121	121	
People's Gas ref. 5s...Chi.	\$3,000	100%	100%	100%	
People's Water 5s...San F.	\$60,000	50	41	44%	
*Philadelphia Co. ....Phila.	360	42	41%	42	
†Philadelphia Co. ....Phila.	336	42%	42%	42%	
*Phila. Co. 6 p. c. cum.pf. Phila.	40	43%	43%	43%	
†Phila. Co. 6 p. c. cum.pf. Phila.	40	45	45	45	
Phila. Co. 1st 5s...Phila.	\$10,000	101%	101%	101%	
Phila. Co. con. 5s...Phila.	\$6,000	91	91	91	
Phila. Electric .....Phila.	1,986	20%	20%	20%	
Phila. Electric 4s.....Phila.	\$4,000	81%	81	81	
Phila. Elec. 4s...small...Phila.	\$700	82%	82%	82%	
Phila. Electric 5s.....Phila.	\$10,000	102	102	102	
Phila. Electric 5s...small...Phila.	\$1,500	103	102	103	
Phila. Rapid Transit...Phila.	154	17%	17%	17%	
Phila. Rapid Tran. ctfs...Phila.	2,390	17%	16%	16%	
Phila. Traction .....Phila.	508	81	80%	80%	
Porto Rico Rye.....Toronto	50	65%	65	65	
Porto Rico Rye pf...Toronto	1	101%	101%	101%	
Potomac Elec. con. 5s...Wash.	\$4,000	100	100	100	
Public Service .....Chicago	75	79	79	79	
Public Service pf....Chicago	41	99%	99%	99%	
Public Service Corp. 5s...Phila.	\$1,000	90%	90%	90%	
QUEBEC RY. ....Montreal	80	15	14%	14%	
Quebec Ry. 5s....Montreal	\$35,100	52	52	52	
SAC. EL. GAS & RY. 5s.S. F.	\$1,000	101%	101%	101%	
St. Charles St. Ry. 4s...New Or.	\$5,000	90	90	90	
St. Louis & Sub. 5s...St. Louis	\$2,000	84	84	84	
S. F. O. & S. J. con. 5s. S. F.	\$6,000	100%	100	100	
S. F. O. & S. J. 2d 5s...S. F.	\$1,000	88%	88%	88%	
San Joaquin L. & P. 5s...S. F.	\$5,000	99	99	99	
Seattle Elec. 5s...Boston	\$10,000	101%	101%	101%	
**Shawinigan W. & P. Mont.	328	137	136	137	
†Shawinigan W. & P. Mont.	74	136	135%	135%	
Shawinigan W. & P. rts.Mont.	2,435	1%	1%	1%	
Southern Bell Tel. 5s...Boston	\$2,000	98%	98%	98%	
South Side El. 4%...Chicago	\$43,000	95	94%	95	
South Yuba Water 6s...San F.	\$4,000	105	105	105	
Spring Val. Water 6s...San F.	185	55	53%	54%	
Spring Va. W. g. m. 4s...S. F.	\$30,000	92%	92%	92%	
Standard Gas & El. Ga...Phila.	\$2,000	92	92	92	
TORONTO RY. ....Montreal	20	139	138%	139	
Toronto Ry. ....Toronto	88	139	138	139	
Twin City .....Toronto	73	106	105%	106%	
UNION TRACTION...Phila.	2,407	43%	42%	42%	
Union Trac. of Ind. 5s...Phila.	\$1,000	91	91	91	
United Cos. of N. J....Phila.	25	227	226	227	
United El. L. & P. 4%...Balt.	\$1,000	92%	92%	92%	
*United Gas Imp....Phila.	325	84	83%	84	
†United Gas Imp....Phila.	106	84%	84%	84%	
United R. R. 4s...San Fran.	\$57,000	58	58%	57%	
United Ry. & Elec...Baltimore	1,140	274	27	27	
United Ry. & Elec. 4s...Balt.	\$29,000	83%	83	83	
United Ry. & El. inc. 4s...Balt.	\$43,000	63%	63%	63%	
United Ry. & El. ref. 5s...Balt.	\$6,000	87	86%	86%	
U. R. & El. ref. 5s...small.Balt.	\$800	87%	87%	87%	
U. R. & El. ref. 5s...(\$300).Balt.	\$500	87%	87%	87%	
United Rys. 4s t. c. ....Phila.	\$3,000	75%	75%	75%	
Un. Rys. 4s. t. c. small.Phila.	\$400	74%	74%	74%	
United Rys. Inv. 5s...Phila.	\$9,000	76	76	76	
United Rys. of St. L. St. Louis	5	11%	11%	11%	
United Rys. of St. L. pf. 5s. L.	\$300	39%	39	39	
Un. Rys. of St. L. 4s. St. Louis	\$4,000	71%	71	71	
VA. RY. & POWER 5s...Balt.	\$1,000	92%	92%	92%	
WASH., BALT., & A. pf.Balt.	5	32%	32%	32%	
Wash., Balt. & A. 5s...Balt.	\$18,000	84	83%	84	
Wash., Balt. & A. 5s...Balt.	\$5,000	83%	83%	83%	
Washington Gas .....Wash.	143	83	82%	83	
Washington Gas 5s...Wash.	\$500	107%	107%	107%	
Wash. Ry. & Elec....Wash.	75	87%	87%	87%	
Wash. Ry. & Elec. pf...Wash.	185	87%	87	87	
Wash. Ry. & Elec. 4s...Wash.	\$12,000	82	82	82	
West End Street Ry...Boston	181	71%	70%	70%	
West End St. Ry. pf...Boston	45	92	90	92	
West. Can. Power 5s...Mont.	\$500	84	84	84	
Western T. & T. 5s...Boston	\$18,000	97%	96%	97%	
Western Union.....Boston	337	63%	62%	63%	
Western Union...Philadelphia	160	63	63	63	
West Penn. Ry. 5s....Pitts.	\$5,000	90%	90%	90%	
Winnipeg Elec. Ry...Toronto	\$0	200	198%	200	
YORK RYS pf...Philadelphia	51	33	32	33	

\*Ex dividend. \*\*Ex rights. †With dividend. ‡With rights.

## News Digest

### FORECAST AND COMMENT

THE MECHANICS AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF ST. LOUIS.—The situation in this territory at the opening of Spring offers abundant basis for taking a hopeful view of things. Conditions in the wholesale trade, as reflected by the business handled by the great mercantile houses of this city, show up well in comparison with the volume of business handled at this time in 1913, and the chances favor a sustained improvement. With even ordinary crop conditions this year, business ought to be highly satisfactory, and the Southwest should be a good deal more prosperous than it was in 1913. Owing to the poor crop conditions of that year, and the readjustment necessitated by the changes in the tariff law, the country merchant who buys his goods in this market, became an extremely cautious business man. He would buy nothing for which there was not an apparent market demand, and his orders were for small lots so as to avoid all speculative risks. In this way his stocks have been low for a year or more, and he is in a position where he will have to buy often in order to supply his customers with the goods that they ask for.

This is about as healthy a situation as is ever encountered at the opening of Spring. More than this, the farmers will start the season under very favorable conditions. Throughout this territory there have been heavy rains and snows, so that a large amount of moisture is in the ground, which will be of immense advantage to wheat, grass and the early crops. Such conditions mean a great deal for this territory, and with the crop outlook excellent, the country merchant will be glad to extend credit to the farmers. With the farmers buying heavily, the merchants will be forced to replenish their stocks, with the result that trade generally will improve, and the wholesale houses will do an increased volume of business. The signs are all pointing that way, and barring unforeseen complications, a further revival of trade may be confidently expected in the Southwest.

DUN'S REVIEW.—Current movement of merchandise continues somewhat below normal, particularly in the East; in the West and South there is more activity and business sentiment is quite confident because of the generally promising agricultural outlook. At a number of the interior centres bank clearings exceed those of the two years immediately preceding, and at Chicago clearings for March are the largest ever reported for a single month. Mercantile collections are somewhat backward, which is not unusual at this season, and in spite of the attractive rates for money, borrowing is light, and offerings of commercial paper continue restricted. Retrenchment still characterizes the iron and steel trade.

FINANCIAL AMERICA.—Continued retrenchment by railroads and hesitancy on the part of general business sum up the situation at large at the close of the current week. Evidences are apparent of a better feeling, however, due in no small part to the indication of expediting of the rate case. The investment market has many gratifying aspects. The demand for standard issues is good, and no slackening is looked for as long as money is cheap.

IRON TRADE REVIEW.—New iron and steel business still drags, and the outlook is mixed. Mills began April with much reduced order books, compared with beginning of March, and some gradual slowing down of mill operations is observed. As yet, this diminishing activity is more pronounced among smaller than larger producers.

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS.—To my mind, it is a matter of business following the medium course until the situation clears. About two months from this time we will know about the crops. This will prove a big factor in the situation, and until these questions have been settled, bankers will be conservative. The working out of the new currency system should be through a process of evolution. Eight banks would have been much stronger. The thing to be done now is to put our shoulders to the wheel, smother our personal jealousies, and work to make the system a success.

aging production in staple lines, and certain classes of novelties are wanted in excess of manufacturing capacity. Favorable crop and seeding conditions are having some influence in strengthening the confidence of buyers in contracting for merchandise for future delivery.

WARREN W. ERWIN & CO.—The greater the depression the more certain it is that money will be plentiful and cheap, and that it will be invested in good bonds and notes and in secure and seasoned dividend-paying stocks, such as those mentioned in the first two lists in our previous letter. Great discrimination is needed in making purchases and room should be left to purchase more stocks on breaks of a few points. Times will be troublous and many breaks may occur. We expect to see many dividends—and some very important ones—cut during the next few months. While we do not look for much prosperity this year or next, we do expect to see a favorable turn in the next two months, unless the crop prospects become poor.

JOHN V. FARWELL COMPANY, CHICAGO.—Good reports from customers in various sections of the country in regard to local crop conditions give a favorable aspect to the wholesale dry goods and general merchandise business situation. Visiting buyers' record for the month of March shows a gain over March, 1913. After careful review of the market, both as to the present and future situation in wool dress fabrics, it can be safely said that retail stocks are low and prices are at the lowest notch, with prospects of sharp advances in active lines.

JOHN MOODY.—After the end of a period of general liquidation and before the end of the succeeding boom in business there are two broad general changes which one should make in his investments. First, after the evidences of thorough liquidation have become so abundant and convincing as to leave no room for doubt, one should make many exchanges of high grade or fairly high grade bonds into securities whose stability is less but whose promise of appreciation is greater. This does not mean carelessness or lack of conservatism, and, on the contrary, these securities should be individually selected with great care after a close study of the assets and earnings of each. This changing from higher grade into lower grade securities should be continued until the approximate time when current prices of both stocks and bonds are on a par with intrinsic values.

### GENERAL

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE.—Friday was the 75th anniversary of the founding of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, which has played a most important part in the financial affairs of the State and the nation, as well as in its trade and commerce. Throughout its existence it has not only been a strong supporter of the National Government finances, but it has acted at different times as fiscal agent for a number of States. It has helped to stem the tide in all the panics and times of financial stress.

EQUITABLE-UNION PACIFIC SUIT.—Justice Greenbaum of the New York Supreme Court has ruled against the application of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for an injunction to restrain the distribution of \$80,000,000 stock and cash to the common shareholders of the Union Pacific Railroad, the Equitable appearing as a holder of preferred stock. The contention was raised that the common stock disbursement would reduce the real value of the preferred. In denying the motion, Justice Greenbaum said: "The preferred stockholders are clearly entitled to 4 per cent. dividend and no other distribution of profits thereafter, excepting in the case of the winding up of the company when the preferred stockholders would be left to stem the tide in all the assets. If the company accumulated certain stock or money in the course of business it is clearly entitled to distribute that property among the common stockholders. If the defendant corporation has a right to accumulate a surplus, it has the right to invest the surplus in securities, and if the securities appreciate in value there is no reason why the profits arising from the investment should not be regarded as profits of the business of the corporation. The agreement, however, reads that the preferred stock is entitled to no other or further share of the profits than dividends in each and every fiscal year not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable out of net profits. And the fact is alleged in the

tion from payment of canal tolls to American ships engaged in the coastwise trade.

**OHIO COAL OPERATORS CLOSE MINES.**—About 50,000 coal miners in Ohio are out of work owing to the closing of practically all of the coal mines in the State. At the last session of the Ohio Legislature a law was passed providing for the payment of miners on a run-of-the-mine basis instead of on the screen-payment plan, which has always prevailed in that State. This law is the cause of the shutdown, because, although it does not take effect until May 20, the operators refuse to renew contracts with the miners, which have expired, until conditions resulting from the law become more settled.

**TO FIX PRICES.**—Representative Morgan of Oklahoma suggested the adoption of the "Oklahoma idea" of price fixing. In a speech to the House of Representatives he said he favored a Federal Trade Commission, as he believed "such a commission, with adequate power and jurisdiction, is absolutely necessary to protect the people from large industrial concerns possessing more or less monopolistic power. The Republican and Progressive Parties by platform declarations and the Democratic Party, by the message of the President, are committed to the proposition to create a Federal Trade Commission."

**STEINWAY TUNNEL.**—The City of New York has taken over ownership in the Steinway Tunnel. The tunnel is now part of the dual subway system, being accepted by the city as the equivalent of a contribution of \$3,000,000 to the cost of the subway on the part of the Interborough, although it took about \$8,000,000 to construct the tube under the East River in its present shape.

**ERIE RAILROAD PASSES.**—Judge Hough of the United States Court has refused to restrain the Erie Railroad from issuing passes to agents of transatlantic lines and of the Great Eastern Railway Company of England. The Government of the United States sought an injunction under claim that these passes violated the interstate commerce law. In his opinion Judge Hough asserted that it was admitted that the Erie Railroad could exchange passes with the New York Central. He could not see, he said, why it was a violation of the interstate commerce law for it to do the same thing with foreign carriers.

**RAILROAD RATE HEARING.**—The railroad rate hearing is completed as far as the railroad side of the plea for larger freight returns is concerned. Arguments on the application for the increase will begin April 27, briefs to be in April 20. The hearing of those opposed to the increase will be held in the interim. The Interstate Commerce Commission also has to hear testimony of examiners appointed to make inquiry into the financial condition of the carriers who have asked the increase in tariffs. Further discharging of railroad employees in large numbers led to a statement by C. Thorne, Chairman of the Iowa State Railroad Commission, and a witness opposed to the freight-rate increase, that he hoped the exploitation of the discharge of railroad men was not accomplished at this particular time for the purpose of influencing the decision.

**TWELVE REGIONAL BANKS.**—The Reserve Bank Organization Committee has divided Continental United States into twelve banking districts with a Federal Reserve bank in one city in each district. The cities selected and the capital for the bank in each, are as follows: New York, \$29,687,016; Boston, \$9,831,740; Philadelphia, \$12,903,013; Cleveland, \$11,621,535; Richmond, \$6,543,281; Atlanta, \$4,702,780; Chicago, \$13,151,025; St. Louis, \$6,219,323; Minneapolis, \$4,702,804; Kansas City, \$5,504,916; Dallas, \$5,64,091, and San Francisco, \$8,115,524. Branches of these banks, if the twelve cities selected are not changed before final adoption of the committee's recommendations, will be selected by the Federal Reserve Board when it is organized. There will be 7,548 banks of all sorts members of the system, according to the committee, with total capital and surplus of \$1,831,648,389. The Federal Reserve Board, when appointed, must approve the recommendations of the Organization Committee, or revise its findings. Cities not included in the twelve have already sent strong protests to Washington.

**INSURANCE COST.**—A preliminary report of W. T. Emmet, New York Superintendent of Insurance, shows that premiums aggregating \$111,090,616 were received by the forty-seven life and industrial insurance companies doing business in this State in the last year. Of this sum the New York State life companies received \$46,816,128, the companies of other States received \$36,595, the industrial companies \$27,893,506, and the one foreign life company \$25,017. The insurance of these companies in this State in force on Dec. 31, 1913, totaled \$3,068,437,062. The net increase during the year was \$163,170,938.

**NEW YORK CITY CORPORATE STOCK.**—On April 15 proposals on \$65,000,000 New York City 4% per cent. fifty-year corporate stock will be asked. The status of the city's borrowing to the end of last month, as shown by the accompanying table, closely equals the amount of the new issue. These temporary notes will be refunded by proceeds of the sale. The city's temporary financing to March 31, 1914, was as follows:

	Corporate Stock Notes.	Revenue B'ds & Bills.	Special Rev. B'ds.
Outstanding March 21—	\$74,705,734.12	\$77,585,476.63	\$5,080,625.00
Net increase or decrease—	*\$4,970,020.90	4,006,027.45	*\$150,000.00
Outstanding March 31—	\$80,735,713.22	\$81,591,504.08	\$4,930,625.00
Cash balance March 21—	5,472,273.21		
Net obligation... .	\$64,263,440.01		
Decrease.			

## RAILROADS

**BOSTON & MAINE.**—Stockholders of the Boston & Maine Railroad voted to sell at \$95 a share 159,001 shares of the Maine Central Railroad, which had been in the company's treasury for nearly fourteen years. The purchaser will be the Maine Railways Companies, a voluntary association composed of interests closely identified with the Maine Central. The Boston & Maine will receive \$3,000,000 in cash by May 1 and the remainder in five-year 5 per cent. notes, making a total of more than \$15,000,000. The stock cost the Boston & Maine \$102.10 a share.

**MISSOURI PACIFIC.**—Authoritative denial has been given by Rockefeller-Standard Oil interests of their reported plan to purchase control of the Missouri Pacific from George J. Gould and the Gould estate.

**PERE MARQUETTE.**—E. V. R. Thayer is Chairman of a committee to protect the interests of underlying bondholders of the Pere Marquette. Interest on these bonds was defaulted April 1. Underlying bonds defaulted are: \$4,000,000 Flint & Pere Marquette first 4s, \$1,000,000 Flint & Pere Marquette first 4s, \$3,325,000 Flint & Pere Marquette, Port Huron Division, first 5s; \$5,379,000 Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western Consolidated Mortgage 4s. On other underlying bonds interest is due in May and June, and presumably will not be met.

**ST. LOUIS & SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY.**—The directors of the St. Louis & Southwestern Railway reduced the dividends on the preferred stock from 4 to 2 per cent. per annum, the action resulting from decreased net earnings. President Britton said that much of the increase in expenses had been voluntary, and had resulted from the company's policy of rebuilding a large amount of equipment. In a statement issued after the meeting he said: "In making this declaration the Directors have had in mind that since the close of the last year two dividends of 1 per cent. each have been paid. If conditions justify another dividend of one-half of 1 per cent. for the last quarter, this will mean aggregate declarations for the year of 3 per cent. Having in mind declining earnings for the current year and the somewhat unsatisfactory condition of general business, Directors feel the above rate is all that is justified. The company has no floating debt and its physical and financial condition is excellent, and the Directors feel that it is their duty to maintain the present high standard of the property for which they are responsible."

**WABASH RAILROAD COMPANY.**—Supreme Court Justice Donnelly of New York has issued an injunction restraining the Wabash Railroad Company from exchanging any more debenture mortgage bonds of the Wabash for new issues of preferred stock, common stock, and refunding bonds. Justice Donnelly directed also that the railroad should pay to James Pollitz, the plaintiff in the injunction suit, the \$21,000 which he invested in the Wabash stock, with interest from the date of the investment in 1906. Mr. Pollitz began his suit in 1906, naming the Wabash, the Equitable Trust Company, and others as defendants. A new issue of securities was authorized in July 1906, the issue to consist of \$200,000 worth of fifty-year 4 per cent. gold refunding bonds, \$16,500,000 worth of preferred stock, and \$81,000,000 worth of common stock. It was planned to exchange \$30,000,000 worth of debenture mortgage bonds for these new issues.

## INDUSTRIALS, MISCELLANEOUS

**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.**—Reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission for December and six months compared as follows:

	1913.	1912.	Decrease.
Total receipts from oper...	\$4,271,970	\$4,873,870	\$601,900
Express privileges .....	2,081,608	2,282,870	201,181
Total operating revenues...	2,190,271	2,590,900	400,718
Total operating expenses...	2,058,338	2,184,355	126,916
Net operating revenues...	131,933	406,655	274,720
Taxes .....	31,067	34,712	3,644
Operating income .....	100,865	371,923	271,057
Six months:			
Total receipts from oper...	24,376,237	25,807,370	1,431,132
Express privileges .....	11,875,091	12,213,507	338,415
Total operating revenues...	12,501,146	13,593,862	1,092,716
Total operating expenses...	11,951,810	11,924,941	*26,878
Net operating revenues...	549,326	1,668,921	1,119,594
Taxes .....	181,085	183,983	12,898
Operating income .....	368,240	1,474,937	1,106,696
Mileage steam roads.....	57,206	57,680	474
Mileage other lines.....	2,574	2,837	263
Increase.			

**AMERICAN PNEUMATIC SERVICE COMPANY.**—The American Pneumatic Service Company has issued its statement for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 1913, the fiscal year having been changed from March 31. Comparison is made with the twelve months ended March 31 of the years 1913 and 1912. Consolidated income account for the nine-month period compares as follows:

	3 Months Ended Dec. 31.	—Year Ended— March 31, '13.	March 31, '12.
Earnings of all companies after operation, insurance, and general expenses....	\$495,480	\$632,754	\$632,112
Depreciation and adjustment.....	40,756	63,999	71,594
Sinking fund .....	43,822	56,017	52,955
Interest on bonds.....	34,708	52,050	67,727
Profit for year.....	376,202	460,687	439,835
Applied as follows:			
Dividends paid on mine stock of Lamson Co.....	495	999	589
Dividends on first preferred.....	78,750	105,000	105,000
Dividends on second pre- ferred .....	94,490	157,483	62,992
Undivided surplus for period.....	202,466	187,204	271,253

**INDIAN REFINING COMPANY (of Maine).**—Net earnings in year ended Dec. 31 last were, after all charges, \$1,115,601. The comparative consolidated balance sheet of the company and subsidiary companies

as of Dec. 31, 1913, compares with that of Aug. 31, 1913, as follows:

	ASSETS.	Dec. 31, 1913.	Aug. 31, 1913.
Properties, pipe lines, storage tanks, real estate, selling stations, investments, etc. ....	\$5,812,970	\$5,634,987	
Inventories .....	830,309	708,750	
Advances to salesmen and others....	29,673	43,018	
Accounts receivable .....	976,860	1,160,635	
Bills receivable .....	13,943	26,547	
Foreign accounts .....	78,600	78,207	
Cash .....	675,332	527,189	
Accounts in process of adjustment.....	450,000	450,000	
Interest, taxes, and ins. unexpired.....		26,570	
Insurance fund assets .....	19,390	13,185	
Sinking fund assets .....	62,271	157,204	
Suspended organization exp. and un- amortized flotation expenses.....	684,929	787,378	
Profit and loss deficit, subject to shrinkage of deferred and suspend- ed assets .....	2,714,879	2,674,900	
Total .....		\$12,340,286	\$12,438,631

	LIABILITIES.	Capital stock outstanding.....	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000
Bonds .....		2,615,000	2,049,000	
Second mortgage notes .....		1,923,600	2,344,500	
Car trust obligations .....		395,000	400,284	
Mtge. on Newark Meadow property .....		15,471	15,471	
Vouchers and accounts payable.....		362,083	268,495	
Bills payable .....		284,006	311,614	
Interest accrued on funded and cur- rent liabilities .....		74,094	134,749	
Unpaid and unclaimed dividends.....		10,208	1,333	
Reserves .....		620,864	620,864	
Total .....			\$12,340,286	\$12,438,631

In his annual report to stockholders, President Theodore L. Pomeroy says: "During the past year arrangements have been made whereby an additional supply of crude oil has been obtained, and it is believed the requirements of your company in this respect have been provided for a considerable time to come. Appreciating the fact that the oil producing property of the company is an asset having only a limited life, your Board of Directors has determined to charge directly out of earnings and credit to a "general reserve account" an amount equal to the sinking fund payments on the first mortgage bonds of the company, and this charge has been made for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1913, as will appear on the statements herewith. The company has also taken steps to obtain additional oil production."

	MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF AMERICA.
Income account for year ended Dec. 31, 1913, follows:	
Profit from operation.....	\$177,914
Interest on temporary investment of surp. funds. 213,373	
Total receipts.....	391,287
Administration expenses.....	159,831
Legal, patent, and other expenses.....	19,971
Depreciation .....	33,232
Total expenses.....	213,034
Surplus .....	*178,253
Dividend paid Aug. 1, 1913.....	188,041
Deficit .....	9,788
Previous surplus.....	244,484
Profit and loss surplus.....	214,693

\*Equal to 1.9 per cent. on \$9,402,070 capital stock for the eleven months. For the year ended Jan. 31, 1913, the company showed a balance, after expenses and depreciation, of \$211,246.

	POND CREEK COAL COMPANY.
Income account for the year ended Dec. 31, 1913, total assets and liabilities of \$4,411,740.	
President Davis says: "Seven mines have been operated continuously throughout the year. From these seven mines there have been produced up to the end of this year 566,965 tons, and your company is in a position now to largely increase the output. The tonnage mined during the year exceeds the estimates of the management, and it has been very generally stated by authorities that your company's production for the first year after shipments commenced, constituted a record. Actual work has been in progress about twenty months, and all the mines did not begin to ship coal until January, 1913, or later. While the seven mines now in operation are not developed to their full capacity, they are able to produce a much larger tonnage of coal than they did last year, and the production will be increased as markets are found for the coal."	
Six months:	
Total sales ... \$35,640,365	\$36,147,332
Net profits ... 2,325,954	2,764,487
Dividends ... 2,402,518	2,280,601
Deficit ..... 152,381	*408,014
P. & L. surp. 8,576,510	8,728,891
Surplus.	8,260,877

**UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY.**—Word has been sent by the United States Express Company to the railroads over which it carries packages that all its transportation contracts will be terminated by June 30. The company's fiscal year ends on that date, and the officers plan to drop completely out of the express business when the fiscal period is completed. Thereafter the sale of assets will take place as fast as possible, and the affairs of the company wound up. The United States Company will also wind up its foreign business on June 30. J. S. Biggar, head of the foreign department, has been in Europe for a month attending to final details in closing the agencies there.

**UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION.**—Evidence in the suit of the Government to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation under the Sherman act has been completed. Counsel on both sides will go to work on their briefs and prepare for the argument of the case before the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia next Fall. The court will probably take several months to reach a decision, after which an appeal to the Supreme Court is expected, whatever the decision of the lower court may be.

# Labor

## The Course of Wages on American Farms

### They Have Been Increasing Relatively Much Faster Than in Urban Districts, and Have Given the Farmhand a Greater Command Over Commodities

In so far as money wages is concerned, the farm laborer has certainly been faring much better in recent years than labor engaged in other than agricultural pursuits. The Bureau of Census reported some time ago that the average of wages in manufacturing industries had increased but 23 per cent, in the twenty years from 1890 to 1910. The wages of farm laborers have increased relatively very much faster than that. Thus, the average monthly wage, without board, on farms in the United States has increased in the twenty years from 1893 to 1913 by 51.7 per cent.—more than twice as much, relatively, as the industrial laborer's wage. In the same period average daily wages on harvest work, without board, increased 49.2 per cent., and for other than harvest work, 63.4 per cent; a simple average for the three showing an increase of 53.4 per cent.

Average wage rates of outdoor labor of men on farms in the United States.

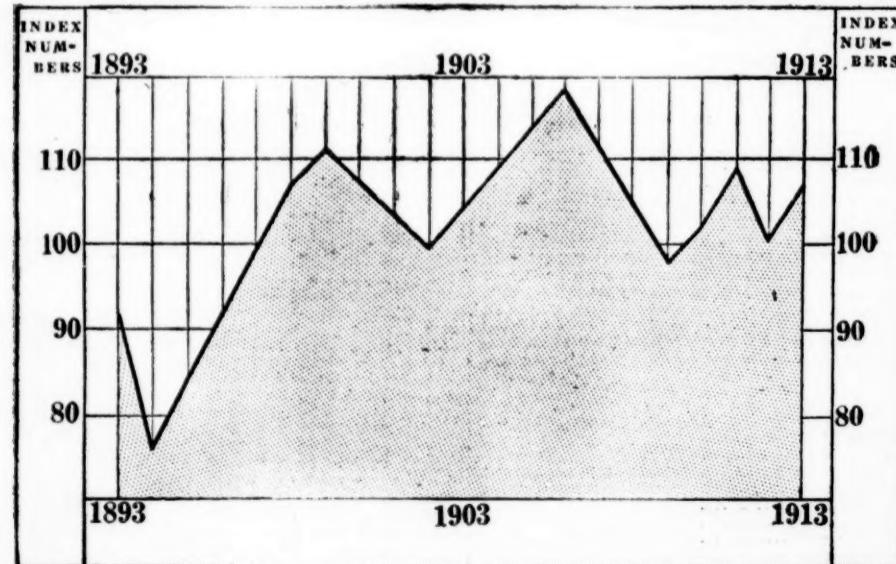
WITHOUT BOARD.			
Year.	Monthly	Daily, Harvest Work.	Daily, Other Than Harvest Work.
1893	\$19.97	\$1.30	\$0.92
1894	18.57	1.18	.84
1895	18.74	1.19	.85
1898	19.16	1.29	.94
1899	19.97	1.35	.99
1902	22.12	1.51	1.00
1903	26.19	1.76	1.32
1909	27.43	1.71	1.29
1910	27.50	1.82	1.38
1911	28.77	1.85	1.42
1912	29.58	1.87	1.47
1913	30.31	1.94	1.50

Wages with board show the same tendency. The monthly average for 1893 was \$13.85, and for 1913, \$21.38—an increase of 53.6 per cent. in twenty years; while daily wages for harvest work increased 46.7 per cent., and for other than harvest work, 61.1 per cent., an average increase of 53.5 per cent. So it will be seen that the wages of all classes of farm labor have gained proportionately:

Average wage rates of outdoor labor of men on farms in the United States.

WITH BOARD.			
Year.	Monthly	Daily, Harvest Work.	Daily, Other Than Harvest Work.
1893	\$13.85	\$1.07	\$0.72
1894	12.70	.97	.65
1895	12.75	.96	.65
1898	13.29	1.04	.71
1899	13.90	1.10	.75

## Purchasing Power of a Farmhand's Daily Wage



THIS chart shows the fluctuation in the amount of food that could have been purchased at various times by the average daily wage of an outdoor farm laborer. In times of prosperity, when prices are high, the farmhand's command of commodities is sometimes greater than in times of depression—possibly because un-

employment in industrial centres causes a large number of men to seek temporary work on farms. The trend of farm wages has, however, been as steadily upward as food prices and, indeed, the former has risen even more rapidly than the latter. Undoubtedly the steady growth in the rates of pay for farm work is largely responsible for the higher prices of farm products.

## How Labor Profits by the Boycott

### The Union's Side of the Question Whether or Not Organized Refusal to do Business is Illegal

WITH a scant seven pages devoted to the social and economic reasons why the boycott should be declared illegal, in proportion to fifty-five setting forth the advantages to society of the "concerted refusal to purchase," we are left in no doubt as to the side of the fence on which Mr. Harry W. Laidler wishes us to find his "Boycotts and the Labor Struggle," just issued. The publication of a careful study of this important phase of the labor problem is especially timely in view of the beginning of inquiry by the recently appointed Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, and of any possible future amendment of the Anti-trust act in so far as it relates to labor organizations.

The general tendency, according to Mr. Laidler's review of the situation, points to the legalization of the boycott in the very near future, placing it on the same footing with the strike.

If we take a broad view of the evolution of the law of conspiracy, we are impelled to feel that evolution will continue until many forms of the boycott are legalized. One by one the arguments which were used against the legality of strikes—practically the same as those now employed against boycotts—have been discarded. \* \* \* That the same evolution is likely to occur in the case of the boycott seems logical.

England has legalized boycotting by statute. The German courts have recently taken an advanced position. Statutes in Maryland and California, following the English law, declare that it is not indictable for two or more to do that which it is lawful for one to do.

The Montana, California, and New York courts have decided in favor of the legality of secondary boycotts, while the former two States approve some forms of compound boycotts.

State and national legislators are clamoring for their legality. Indications point to a considerable degree of success within the not distant future. If boycotts are legalized, however, such legalization will probably come largely through legislation rather than through the judiciary.

MR. LAIDLER bases the justification of the boycott on the great disadvantage which labor suffers in its struggle against capital, and sums his argument for the right to refuse to purchase as follows:

The argument for the legalization of the boycott from a social and economic standpoint is based primarily on the hypotheses that the well-being of society is intimately connected with the condition of the working class; that that condition at the present time is greatly in need of improvement; that such improvement depends to a very large extent upon the strength of labor's organizations; that that strength is contingent upon the weapons of defense and offense permitted to it; that the employing class is now in possession of certain powerful weapons denied the laborer, and that Justice demands that organized labor be placed in possession of such weapons as tend to place it on a more equal footing with the employing class in its struggles for a larger part of the social product.

The disadvantages under which the worker labors in his struggle against his employer, according to Mr. Laidler's recapitulation of the situation, are chiefly the hostility of public opinion, the muzzling of press and pulpit by capital, the submission of the "powers of government—the police, constabulary, militia, courts—to the behest of the master class," together with the ability of the master class to use such weapons as organization, the black list, spies, strikebreakers and so on.

That the employer is able, on the whole, to make a better showing in court than his employee hardly needs Mr. Laidler's proof. That public opinion is also arrayed against the worker is better not proved, for the sake of Mr. Laidler's argument. That pulpit and press are easily listed against the interest of labor, deserves more attention. Mr. Laidler cites a letter from the Boston Elevated Railways to The Springfield Republican during a fight for franchise as evidence that a big interest stands ready to pay for news. He also cites the case of The Rocky Mountain News in the Colorado labor war, in which the Citizens' Alliance withdrew all general advertising from the News because of its support of the workers' cause. Bankruptcy threatened, a fact which would seem to indicate even to those unfamiliar with the case, that The News was not exactly "muzzled." The final evidence of control of the press by capital is the refusal of The Associated Press to send anything over the wire concerning the famous strike at the Bethlehem Steel Works, and Mr. Laidler follows this evidence with the assertion that "this agency, however, usually denies indignantly any unjust

\*BOYCOTTS AND THE LABOR STRUGGLE. By Harry W. Laidler. New York. John Lane Company. 1914.



## Agriculture

### Winter Wheat Reports Indicate Record Crop

#### More General Optimism in Business and Financial Affairs Possible Through Grain Prospects

In a year when so many factories are depressing business and financial sentiment, there is an unusually favorable outlook for grain crops. Experts advance opinions that Winter wheat returns should be the best in the history of the country, unless there should come a plague of parasites or an unexpected amount of unfavorable weather during the next two months. If the future brings as good results as have been reported in Winter wheat to the present, a record-breaking yield seems assured.

The sown acreage of Winter wheat was much the largest on record, with approximately 36,500,000 acres under cultivation, or 8.6 per cent, larger acreage than last year. A total crop of 523,561,000 bushels of Winter wheat in 1913 resulted from harvesting 31,699,000 acres out of 33,618,000 acres planted. The crop went into the Winter with a condition of 97.2, the highest on record for many years back. This condition was due to unusually favorable weather after planting. With Winter wheat condition 4 per cent, above last year at the same period and 8 per cent, above the ten-year average, unless unusually large abandonment or deterioration resulted during the Winter or comes soon, the outlook for large yields seems bright.

The very high condition has left plenty of room for both abandonment and deterioration, but reports from the Winter wheat country have indicated less than the normal acreage abandonment and continued favorable development of plant. The weather throughout the Winter was favorable to good progress in growth for wheat. Less than the average deterioration from Dec. 1 to April 1 is indicated by the best information obtainable from all of the Winter wheat States, and the Government report of Tuesday, April 7, should bear this out. The May report, to indicate abandonment of acreage up to May 1, is looked to for confirmation of the belief that much less than the average area has been abandoned since sowing. Plenty of justification is believed to exist in figures alone for the assertion that present conditions warrant the statement that the outlook is most favorable for the greatest Winter wheat yield on record.

Crop experts have been in the Winter wheat States for several weeks, with glowing reports of development and condition coming from all parts of the belt. B. W. Snow of Bartlett, Frazier & Co. looks for a total of 600,000,000 bushels for the Winter wheat crop. John Inglis of Logan & Ryman reports general condition of Winter wheat more promising than usual at this date, with marked increase found in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

"If Kansas has over eight million acres, Nebraska will show about four million," is stated in the Inglis report. "For the present time, there is abundance of moisture; even the dry belt in Western Kansas and Nebraska has more submoisture than it has had in recent years. There is no evidence yet of damage from insects. Doubtless both fly and cinch bugs may be found later in some localities." Submoisture furnishes the supply of water to carry crops over dry periods.

Oscar K. Lyle of S. B. Chapin & Co. calls attention to the previous acreage and condition reports, showing the average loss from Dec. 1 to April 1 in the last ten years to have been 3½ per cent., which would indicate a condition of 93.6 on April 1 against a ten-year average on that date of 85.6.

"Based on the ten-year averages and allowing for average abandonment, the indicated crop from the December condition was 536,515,000 bushels," is the conclusion of Mr. Lyle. He finds less than average abandonment and better average yield are both likely, meaning probability for a larger crop.

Winter wheat condition for the past ten years compares as follows:

	December.	April.	May.
1904	86.6	76.5	92.5
1905	82.9	91.6	92.5
1906	94.1	89.1	91.0
1907	94.1	89.9	82.9
1908	91.1	91.3	88.0
1909	85.3	82.2	83.5
1910	95.8	80.8	82.1

	December.	April.	May.
1911	82.5	83.3	86.1
1912	86.6	80.6	79.7
1913	93.2	91.6	91.9
Average	89.22	85.69	87.12

In this table the condition in December and April is based on the acreage sown, but May condition is figured on acreage remaining May 1. The ten year average for May 1 of 87.12 would read 78.92 if based on acreage sown.

Attention is called beyond Winter wheat prospects to excellent soil condition for Spring wheat planting, and for coarser grains. G. S. Beachel of Findley Barrell & Co. finds that subsoil moisture conditions in the grain belt are declared better than at a similar period in any recent year.

The importance of snow and rain to the soil depends upon how much of the moisture falling on the surface saturates through, and remains. With subsoil moisture abundant even with abandonment of Winter wheat acreage larger than has been supposed, land not kept under wheat until harvest time can be utilized for corn, oats, and other Summer crops. Last year insufficient subsoil moisture was responsible for serious loss in Summer crops when droughts came in August. The soil in the grain country is already sufficiently saturated to diminish the danger of heavy damage from drought later.

The following table shows abandonment conditions in the last ten years (000 omitted in acreage figures):

Acres Sown.	Remaining	Bushels	Per	
			Acres Sown.	May 1.
1904	31,662	27,083	26,866	12.4
1905	31,155	29,725	29,864	14.3
1906	31,512	29,622	29,600	16.7
1907	31,665	28,132	28,152	14.6
1908	31,668	29,751	30,340	14.4
1909	29,884	27,871	27,017	15.5
1910	33,483	29,028	27,329	15.9
1911	34,485	31,367	29,162	14.8
1912	32,215	25,744	26,571	15.1
1913	32,387	30,938	31,689	15.1
Ten years	319,314	280,260	286,589	15.0

#### Price Current's Opinion

In its weekly review The Price Current says: "Weather conditions are now favorable for oats seeding in the Central States, and, barring wet days, work in the fields will be constant. Plowing for corn will also be under way in the southern part of the belt and planting has already advanced over the north border of Texas. The cold wave of last week fell short of penetrating below the northern tier of States with its zero temperatures, and had the beneficial effect of bringing rain over a good portion of the country."

#### Grain and Cotton Markets

Quotations on the Chicago and New York markets last week were as follows:

##### CHICAGO

###### WHEAT

	—May.—		—July.—	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
March 30	93	92½	88½	87½
March 31	92	90½	87½	86½
April 1	91½	90½	87½	86½
April 2	91½	91	87½	86½
April 3	92	91½	88	87½
April 4	91½	90½	87½	86½
Week's range	93	90½	88½	86½

###### CORN

	—May.—		—July.—	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
March 30	68%	68	69	68½
March 31	68%	67½	68½	67½
April 1	67%	66½	68½	67½
April 2	67%	67½	68½	68
April 3	68%	67½	68½	68
April 4	68%	67½	68½	67½
Week's range	68%	66½	69	67½

###### OATS

	—May.—		—July.—	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
March 30	39½	39	39	38½
March 31	39	38	38½	38½
April 1	38%	38½	39½	38
April 2	38%	38½	39½	38
April 3	39½	38½	39½	38½
April 4	38%	38½	39½	38
Week's range	39½	38	40	38½

###### NEW YORK

###### COTTON

	—Mar.—		—May.—	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
March 30	13.30	13.12	12.51	12.30
March 31	13.40	13.25	12.60	12.40
April 1	—	—	12.52	12.32
April 2	—	—	12.52	12.32
April 3	—	—	12.61	12.50
April 4	—	—	12.73	12.60
Week's range	13.40	13.12	12.61	12.30

#### Long Staple Cotton in Arizona

The results achieved by the farmers of the Salt River Valley of Arizona in experimenting with long staple cotton have been so successful that a marked increase in acreage is anticipated and a unanimous determination made by the raisers of cotton to grow nothing but the long staple variety. The Cotton Growers' Association of Mesa, Ariz., in the Salt River Valley country, recently shipped 1,200 bales to Eastern spinners at a satisfactory price. Fifty bales were sent to Liverpool, consigned to a cotton broker, who was able to sell the larger part of the consignment almost immediately at 23½ cents a pound, a figure that shows a very handsome profit for the tillers of the irrigated lands of Arizona.

### The Trend of Grain Prices

